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PRESS SCHEDULE OF THE FIRST LADY
FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1999

Washington, D.C. -- On Thursday, April 29, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will travel to New York City.

The First Lady will serve as “Principal for a Day” at Virgil I. Grissom Junior High School, in South Ozone Park, New York. The Fifth Annual Principal for a Day project, organized by PENCIL (Public Education Needs Civic Involvement in Learning), will include over 1,050 business, civic and community leaders serving as principal for a day in one of New York City’s public schools. To conclude the Principal for a Day event, the First Lady will join hundreds of Principal for the Day participants for the PENCIL Town Meeting, moderated by Charlie Rose.

In the evening, the First Lady will attend the New York State Democratic Party’s Jefferson Jackson Dinner.

EVENT: PENCIL’S Principal for a Day – Discussion with Social Studies Class
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
DATE: Thursday, April 29, 1999
LOCATION: Virgil I. Grissom Junior High (JH 226)
Library
121-10 Rockaway Blvd.
South Ozone Park, NY

Press Notes:
There will be a pool spray at the top of the discussion. Pool is AP, Reuters, AFP photo, New York Times, New York Daily News, New York Post, Newsday, Queens Courier, CNN (contact: Melissa Holden, 212-714-7820. Pool should use the main entrance and meet Anu Rangappa in the lobby. No lighting or sound provided. Throw is approximately 35’.

Pool Time
Pre-Set (for video cameras and stills): 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.
Final Access: 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
EVENT:       PENCIL'S Town Meeting
TIME:        5:00 p.m.
DATE:        Thursday, April 29, 1999
LOCATION:    New York Public Library
             Celeste Bartos Forum, Room 80
             42nd and 5th Avenue
             New York, NY

Press Notes:
This event is open press. No pre-credentialing is required. Press must have standard press
identification to gain access to this event. For more information, please contact PENCIL, at
212-909-1732. There will be a press check-in at the 42nd St. entrance, on side of the library. No
satellite truck parking. Lighting (but t.v. may want to bring extra lights) and a mult will be
provided.

Pre-Set:      1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Final Access: 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The on-site contact is Anu Rangappa.

EVENT:       Jefferson Jackson Dinner
TIME:        7:00 p.m.
DATE:        Thursday, April 29, 1999
LOCATION:    Grand Hyatt Hotel
             42nd Street and Park Ave.
             New York, NY

Press Notes:
This event is open press for remarks. Please contact Matthew Hiltzik of the New York State
Democratic Party, at 212-725-8825 ext. 234, to receive credentials to cover this event. There
will be a press check-in at the Brooks Atkinson Room, Conference Level, 2nd Floor. Lighting
and a mult will be provided. Throw is approximately 65’.

Pre-Set:      4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Final Access: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The on-site contact is Anu Rangappa.

Editor’s Note: Following the dinner, the First Lady will return to Washington, D.C.

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**EVENT:** Physicians For Human Rights Luncheon  
**TIME:** 12:00 p.m.  
**DATE:** Wednesday, April 28, 1999  
**LOCATION:** Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Room G-11  
Washington, DC

**Press Notes:**
This event is open press, but space is limited. No pre-credentialing is required. Press should come to the 1st and C Streets entrance of the Dirksen building. Press must have standard press identification to gain access to Room G-11. Lighting and a mult are provided. Throw is approximately 40'.

Pre-Set: 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
Final Access: 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

The on-site contact is Joi Hilton.

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Menu
Chicken Breast with Fire Roasted Onions
Cumin Scented Sweet Potato, Corn and Pepper Chili
Orange and Mango Salad

Grilled Filet of Bison
Baby Vegetables and Spring Potatoes
Crimini Mushroom and Cabernet Sauce

Marinated Tomatoes and Mozzarella
Field Greens, Endive and Sprouts
Shallot Chive Dressing

Dessert
NATO 50th Anniversary Cake

Wine
Chalone Chardonnay 1997
Pride Mountain Merlot 1996
Schramsberg Cremant 1985

Other Information:
China: Eisenhower Base Plate / EAPC Members Table
Gold Base Plate
Cream China with Gold Band

Table cloths: Cream table cloths with a cobalt blue diamond pattern.

Flowers / Centerpieces: Containers from the Vermeil Collection are filled with blue hydrangea, multiple shades of cream, yellow and gold roses, blue delphinium and purple lisianthus.
Entertainment

**Thomas Hampson**'s versatility and breadth of achievement in opera, recording, research and pedagogy has garnered him acclaim as America's leading baritone. Mr. Hampson conceives and performs thoughtfully constructed programs that explore the rich diversity of song idioms, languages and styles. He furthers his commitment to the art of song not only by teaching, but also by researching the repertoire. A soloist of choice for today's most prestigious conductors, he enjoys an international career as a preeminent recitalist and one of the most prolific recording artists of his generation.

Mr. Hampson's operatic roles span a diverse repertoire that ranges from Rossini to Verdi and Puccini, and from Monteverdi to Britten and Henze. His recent celebrated portrayals include the title role in *Eugene Onegin* (Wiener Staatsoper, 1997); Riccardo in *I Puritani* (Metropolitan Opera, 1996-97); Père Germont in *La Traviata* (Opernhaus Zurich, 1997); and Amboise Thomas in *Hamlet* (Monte Carlo, 1994 and San Francisco, 1996).

His numerous awards include six Grammy nominations, two Edison Prizes, three 1994 Gramophone Awards, 1992 Grand Prix de la Nouvelle Académie du Disque and 1994 Charles Cros Académie du Disque Lyrique, as well as the esteemed Toblacher Prize for his recent Mahler recordings. To these recording honors are added the 1997 Citation of Merit for Lifetime Contribution to Music and Education from the National Arts Club of America, 1997 and 1994 German critics’ Echo Preis for Best Male Singer, *Musical America's* 1992 Vocalist of the Year and 1994 Cannes Classical Awards Best Male Singer.

In 1996, Mr. Hampson performed for the State Visit honoring President Jacques Chirac of France. It is with great pride that the President and Mrs. Clinton again welcome Thomas Hampson to the White House for a performance on this historic evening.

**Renée Fleming** has a devoted international following on the operatic stage, in concerts and recitals, on television, radio and recordings. In the 1998-99 season, she reached new pinnacles in her career at the San Francisco Opera where she created the role of Blanche Dubois in the world premiere of André Previn's *A Streetcar Named Desire* -which was telecast on PBS's "Great Performances" and released on CD. She also starred in the new Metropolitan Opera production of *The Marriage of Figaro*, conducted by James Levine.

An internationally renowned recitalist, chamber musician and champion of new music, this soprano has graced many distinguished stages, including New York's Metropolitan Opera, La Scala, Bayreuth, the Royal Opera House at Covent Garden, Paris' Opéra Bastille, Palais Garnier, Teatro Colón in Buenos Aires and Vienna State Opera. She has also performed in the world premiere of John Corigliano's *The Ghosts of Versailles* at the Metropolitan Opera; Conrad Susa's *The Dangerous Liaisons* with the San Francisco Opera; and in the Lyric Opera of Chicago's first performance of Floyd's *Susannah*.

Honored with three Grammy nominations and lauded by *Musical America* as the 1997 Vocalist of the Year, Ms. Fleming was saluted in 1996 with the first Solti Prize of l'Académie du Disque
Lyrique for her outstanding recording artistry. Her numerous awards include the 1988 Metropolitan Opera National Auditions, Richard Tucker Award, George London Prize, Grand Prix at the International Singing Competition in Belgium and a Fulbright Scholarship to Germany.

The President and Mrs. Clinton welcome Ms. Fleming to the White House this evening and are honored to share with our guests the impeccable talents of one of America's finest young opera singers.

Maestro Heinz Fricke has been the Music Director of the Washington Opera since 1993. The former Music Director of the Berlin State Opera and the Norwegian National Opera, Maestro Fricke has led the premier operas of the world, including Hamburg, Munich, Brussels, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Milan, Paris, Zurich and Madrid. Last year, Maestro Fricke made his Covent Garden debut conducting Parsifal with Plácido Domingo. His symphonic activities have taken him to the major orchestras in Europe, South America, Japan and Australia.

The Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra is the resident orchestra of the Kennedy Center, and plays most Kennedy Center ballet, dance and musical theater productions, as well as for all Washington Opera performances. The orchestra was founded in 1979 and has performed under such conductors as Heinz Fricke, Daniel Barenboim, Rafael Fruhbeck de Burgos, Cal Stewart Kellogg, Mstislav Rostropovich, Julius Rudel, and Leonard Slatkin.
DINNER IN COMMEMORATION
OF THE
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF
THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY
FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1999
THE WHITE HOUSE

The President of the United States
Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton

The Secretary General of the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
Mrs. Concha Solana

BELGIUM
His Excellency
Jean-Luc Dehaene
Prime Minister of Belgium
Mrs. Celia Dehaene

CANADA
The Right Honorable
Jean Chretien, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
Mrs. Aline Chretien

CZECH REPUBLIC
His Excellency
Vaclav Havel
President of the Czech Republic
Mrs. Dagmar Havlova

DENMARK
His Excellency
Poul Nyrup Rasmussen
Prime Minister of Denmark
Mrs. Lone Dybkjaer

FRANCE
His Excellency
Jacques Chirac
President of the French Republic
GERMANY
His Excellency
Gerhard Schroeder
Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany
Mrs. Doris Schroeder-Koepf

GREECE
His Excellency
Costas Simitis
Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic
Mrs. Sofia-Dafni Simiti

HUNGARY
His Excellency
Viktor Orban
Prime Minister of the Republic of Hungary
Ms. Aniko Levai

ICELAND
His Excellency
David Oddsson
Prime Minister of the Republic of Iceland
Mrs. Astridur Thorarensen

ITALY
His Excellency
Massimo D'Alema
President of the Council of Ministers of the Italian Republic

LUXEMBOURG
His Excellency
Jean-Claude Juncker
Prime Minister of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

NETHERLANDS
His Excellency
Wim Kok
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
Mrs. Rita Kok-Roukema

NORWAY
His Excellency
Kjell Magne Bondevik
Prime Minister of Norway
Mrs. Bjoerg Bondevik
POLAND
His Excellency
Aleksander Kwasniewski
President of the Republic of Poland
Mrs. Jolanta Kwasniewska

His Excellency
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Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland
Mrs. Ludgarda Buzek

PORTUGAL
His Excellency
Antonio Guterres
Prime Minister of Portugal

SPAIN
His Excellency
Jose Maria Aznar
President of the Government of Spain
Mrs. Ana Botella de Aznar

TURKEY
His Excellency
Suleyman Demirel
President of the Republic of Turkey
Mrs. Nazmiye Demirel

UNITED KINGDOM
The Right Honorable
Tony Blair, M.P.
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Mrs. Cherie Blair
DINNER IN COMMEMORATION
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THE WHITE HOUSE

Menu

Crispy Soft Shell Crab with Blue Crab and Lobster Cakes
Fennel and Corn Slaw
Cucumber Mint Coulis

Spring Lamb with Lemon - Lavender
Confit of Portobello and Sweet Peppers
Fava Bean Puree
Maiu Onion Sauce

Salad of Lolo Roso, Red Mustard and Upland Cress
Baked Goat Cheese
Aged Balsamic Vinaigrette

Dessert

"A Salute to NATO"
Strawberry Nougat Glace
Champagne Sabyon
Chocolate Globe, Passion Fruit Tuile

Wines

Ancien Chardonnay 1997
Flowers Pinot Noir "Camp Meeting Ridge" 1996
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Entertainment - Jessye Norman and Dan Saunders

The phenomenal Jessye Norman possesses one of the world's most unique and beautiful voices. Known for her innovative programming and fervent advocacy of contemporary music, Miss Norman frequently has been recognized as a singer whose talents are found only once in a generation.

Jessye Norman's varied repertoire has been heard in the great opera houses of the world, including La Scala in Milan, Teatro Comunale in Florence, Covent Garden's Royal Opera House, the Stuttgart Opera, Vienna State Opera and the Opera Company of Philadelphia. In October 1987, Miss Norman was awarded the Legion d'Honneur by French President François Mitterrand. She performed at the White House in November 1993 for the Korean State Dinner and in December 1997, the President and Mrs. Clinton were again pleased to honor Miss Norman at the White House as she became the youngest artist ever to receive a Kennedy Center Honor — the highest performing arts award given in the United States.

Jessye Norman continues to delight listeners with her Grammy award-winning voice, bringing her sumptuous sound and immense passion to recital performances, operatic portrayals and appearances with symphony orchestras and chamber musicians around the world. This season, Miss Norman stars in How!Do!We!Do!, a new theater creation at New York's Lincoln Center. Her summer European tour will take her to London, Vienna and Salzburg. She makes her first trip to South Africa this year to perform in a special benefit concert for President Mandela and the Children's Trust Fund.

Miss Norman has won admiration for her tireless charity work, which includes serving as a spokeswoman for the LUPUS Foundation and The Partnership for the Homeless. She is also an active board member of The Elton John AIDS Foundation, The New York Public Library, The Dance Theatre of Harlem and the Citymeals-on-Wheels in New York City.

It is a great honor and privilege to again have Miss Norman grace the stage at the White House for this historic occasion. An American icon who maintains a personal friendship with the President and Mrs. Clinton, Jessye Norman has specially selected a program this evening of traditional American music. It is the hope of the President and Mrs. Clinton that her words and music will express the warmth and friendship we treasure this evening.

Dan Saunders has served as an Assistant Conductor to James Levine at the Metropolitan Opera, as well as at the Salzburg and Ravinia Festivals. He has assisted Seiji Ozawa at Tanglewood, the Salzburg Festival, the Saito Kinen Festival, and the Hennessy Opera Series. Most recently, Mr. Saunders worked with Kurt Masur at the New York Philharmonic and with Maestro Ozawa at the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Saunders' appearances on the concert stage include a tour with Jessye Norman, recitals with Miss Norman in Japan; with tenor Gary Lakes at Lincoln Center; with Marilyn Horne at L'Opéra Bastille in Paris; with soprano Lauren Flanigan at Carnegie Hall; and with soprano Alessandra Marc at the Salle Gaveau in Paris. Other concert appearances include performances at the Kennedy Center, the Chatelet in Paris and London's Wigmore Hall. This season, Dan Saunders made his debut with the New York City Opera National Company conducting Puccini's Madame Butterfly.
Official gifts to be given during NATO 50th Anniversary Summit.

President Clinton

Gifts to NATO Leaders:
- Tiffany and Company custom medallion measuring 3 1/2 inches in diameter commemorating the NATO 50th Anniversary Summit.
- A white porcelain bowl decorated with NATO member countries' flags. The center of the inside of the bowl displays the NATO 50th Anniversary logo. The Presidential Seal adorns the underside base of the bowl.

Gifts to the EAPC Partner Country Leaders:
- Crystal bridge sculpture entitled "Partnership" set on a granite base with inscription.

Gifts to Delegation Members:
- A 3-inch in diameter crystal globe resting on a square base with inscription.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

Gifts to NATO Leaders' Spouses at Saturday's Luncheon:
- A 10-inch white porcelain plate decorated with the member countries' flags and inscription.

Gift to EAPC Leaders' Spouses at Sunday's Luncheon:
- Tiffany and Company Sterling Silver Compact with inscription.
- Hand painted porcelain oval box of the White House.

Tipper Gore

Gifts to Spouses at Saturday's Luncheon:
- Porcelain round box of the Vice President's Residence at the Naval Observatory.

Secretary Albright

Gift to NATO Foreign Ministers:
- Pewter desk box decorated with all 19 NATO flags on the lid.
Gift to EAPC Partner Countries Foreign Ministers:
- A 3-dimensional crystal globe etched into the center of the obelisk with an inscription from Secretary Albright honoring the Partner Countries.

Secretary Cohen

Gift to Defense Ministers:
- Cherry wood stationary desk box with commemorative coin.

Mrs. Cohen

Gift to Spouses at Sunday's Luncheon:
- Custom-made brooch.
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PRESS SCHEDULE OF THE FIRST LADY
FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1999

Washington, D.C. -- On Friday, April 23, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will deliver remarks at a reception to launch The International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children. The International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children is being created by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to address the international aspect of child abduction and victimization. The NCMEC was established in 1984 as a private non-profit organization to spearhead efforts to locate and recover missing children by raising public awareness about ways to prevent child abduction.

EVENT: Launching of The International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children
TIME:        4:30 p.m.
DATE:        Friday, April 23
LOCATION:    Residence of the British Ambassador
             3100 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
             Washington, D.C.

Press Notes:
POOL PRESS for television and photographers.
OPEN PRESS for other press.

Television pool: BBC (contact Philippa, 202-331-5768 or

Photographer pool: Reuters, AP, UPI, AFP, Washington Post, Washington Times

Press entrance is the main entrance off Mass Avenue. Limited on-street parking
on Observatory Circle. Mult box provided; lighting is not provided. Throw is
30'. On-site contact is Ryan Montoya.

Press Access: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
APRIL 21, 1999

PRESS SCHEDULE OF THE FIRST LADY
FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1999

Washington, D.C. -- On Thursday, April 22, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will travel to Niagara Falls, New York. She will be presented with the Albert Shanker Award for Distinguished Service. The award, presented by the New York State United Teachers, honors the First Lady for her contributions to the public education system including her support for quality education and for equal opportunity for all students. The award is named for the late president of the New York State United Teachers.

EVENT: Albert Shaker Award for Distinguished Service
TIME: 8:30 p.m.
DATE: Thursday, April 22
LOCATION: Niagara Falls Convention and Civic Center – Arena
305 4th Street
Niagra Falls, New York

Press Notes:
OPEN PRESS. All press who wish to cover this event must display valid press identification. Press enter on 4th and Duggan Streets; enter building via Southwest lobby entrance (press check-in). Satellite truck and press parking available in parking lot on east side of building. Cable run is approximately 200’ Mult and lighting provided. Throw is approximately 70’. On-site contact is Lars Erikson.

Pre-set: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Final access: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Editor's Note: The First Lady is scheduled to return to Washington, DC on Thursday evening, upon completion of her events in New York.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- On Wednesday, April 21, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will lead a briefing on the Kosovo humanitarian relief effort for members of the corporate community and non-governmental organizations currently operating in the Balkans. This event provides an opportunity to brief private and public organizations about the work that has been done to ease the refugee situation, and the challenges that remain. The First Lady will be joined at this event by Harriet Babbitt, Deputy Administrator for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and James Lee Witt, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

EVENT: Briefing on Humanitarian Aid to Kosovo
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
DATE: Wednesday, April 21
LOCATION: OEOB 450 – Presidential Hall
The White House
Washington, DC

Press Notes:
OPEN PRESS. Any press who are not currently White House passholders should fax their name, date of birth and social security number on company letter head to 202/456-7805 no later than 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 1999 to be cleared to cover the event. There will be an escort from the White House Briefing Room at 1:00 p.m to pre-set and at 1:50 p.m. for final access. Lighting and a mult are provided.

###
WASHINGTON, D.C. -- On Tuesday, April 20, the First Lady will visit the Village Elementary School in
Syosset, New York. She will draw attention to the need to improve public school quality and learn
about the Village Elementary School’s successes in this endeavor through enhanced teacher
professional development, class size reduction and school report cards.

At Hofstra University, the First Lady will deliver the keynote speech at the fifth annual John F. English
Symposium, “Health Care Reform Check-Up”. This symposium focuses on public policy healthcare
issues and will be attended by health care providers, hospital managers, insurance company executives,
union leaders and government officials from the New York metropolitan area. Also, she will speak at a
Long Island Women’s Agenda luncheon. The Long Island Women’s Agenda is a not-for-profit
collection of diverse women’s groups and individuals on Long Island that was formed to take leadership
positions on issues important to women.

In Manhattan, Mrs. Clinton will participate in the Annual Survey of American Law’s 1999 dedication
ceremony, which will honor the president and vice president of South Africa’s Truth and
Reconciliation Commission, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Dr. Alex Boraine.

In the evening, she will deliver the keynote speech at the UJA-Federation’s Keeper of the Flame
Dinner. The UJA-Federation of New York is the largest local philanthropic organization in the world.
It is a major source of private funding for social services for the entire New York community and
Jewish communities in 50 countries.

**EVENT:** Village Elementary School
**DATE:** Tuesday, April 20
**TIME:** 8:30 a.m.
**LOCATION:** Village Elementary School
90 Convent Road
Syosset, Long Island

**Press Notes:**
POOL PRESS for classroom tour (natural light only). OPEN PRESS for speaking program.
EVENT: John F. English Symposium - Health Care Reform
DATE: Tuesday, April 20
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: John Cranford Adams Playhouse Theater
Hofstra University - South Campus
Hempstead Turnpike
Hempstead, NY 11550

Press Notes:
OPEN PRESS. Valid press identification required to gain access to the event. Press should enter site via main theater entrance. Parking for press and satellite trucks available in parking lot on west side of Playhouse (cable run – 300’). Throw is 70’. On-site contact is Stephanie Jones.

Pre-set: 5:00 a.m. - 6:00 a.m.
Final access: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

EVENT: Long Island Women’s Agenda Luncheon
DATE: Tuesday, April 20
TIME: 12:45 p.m.
LOCATION: Grand Ballroom
Crest Hollow Country Club
Jericho Turnpike
Woodbury, Long Island

Press Notes:
OPEN PRESS. Valid press identification required to gain access to the event. Parking
for press and satellite trucks available in southwest parking lot. Press enter via main lobby of Country Club. Mutl and lighting provided.

Pre-set: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Final access: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

EVENT: New York University's School of Law Annual Survey
DATE: Tuesday, April 20
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Greenberg Lounge
New York University School of Law
New York, New York

Press Notes:
OPEN PRESS. Valid press identification required to enter the site. Press enter on MacDougal Street between West 4th and West 3rd Streets. On-site contact is Craig Minassian.

Pre-set: 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Final Access: 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

EVENT: United Jewish Appeal Dinner
DATE: Tuesday, April 20
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Grand Ballroom
Park Avenue and 50th Street
Waldorf Astoria Hotel
New York, New York

Press Notes:
OPEN PRESS. Standard press identification required to enter this event. Press enter on Park Avenue between East 49th and East 50th Streets. No satellite parking available. Mutl and lighting provided. Throw is 30’ / 75’ from balcony. On-site contact is Craig Minassian.

Pre-set: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Final Access: 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON ANNOUNCES THAT ALMOST ONE MILLION CHILDREN ARE ENROLLED IN THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

April 20, 1999

Today, at a speech at Hofstra University, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton announced that the Department of Health and Human Services is reporting that almost one million children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 1998. The President worked with the Congress to enact CHIP in 1997 as part of the Balanced Budget Agreement. It provides $24 billion dollars over five years for health insurance for children. This enrollment in CHIP, combined with efforts to sign up the millions of eligible but unenrolled children in Medicaid, shows significant progress in meeting the President's goal of reducing the number of uninsured children in the United States by 5 million.

PROGRESS TOWARD REDUCING NUMBER OF UNINSURED CHILDREN. The Department of Health and Human Services released estimates today that show:

Almost one million children enrolled in CHIP during 1998. In its first release of state enrollment data, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) reported that approximately 982,000 children enrolled in CHIP in the 43 states with programs operating during 1998. This indicates that states met the HHS enrollment estimates for 1998 and that states are well on their way to enrolling their target of 2.5 million children by 2000.

Almost equal enrollment in Medicaid and separate state programs. CHIP enables States to insure children from working families with incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid through non-Medicaid State programs, Medicaid expansions, or a combination of both programs. Slightly more children were enrolled in the separate state programs. Of the approximately 982,000, approximately 540,000 were in separate programs while approximately 442,000 were in Medicaid expansions adopted by the states.

Enrollment will continue to increase as states fully implement their plans. Seven programs (ID, IL, IN, MA, OH, OK, and PR) were enrolling children throughout the entire year and 10 out of the 43 programs did not start enrolling children until after October 1. The 10 CHIP programs that have been operating the longest (Alabama, California, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Puerto Rico) are responsible for about 34 percent of the total enrollment. The average enrollment period was about 6 months. Given the challenges of setting up major new programs, many states are just beginning to enroll children in CHIP.

New children are enrolling in the traditional Medicaid. Although CHIP is its centerpiece, the President's initiative to reduce the number of uninsured children also included policies to increase enrollment of poor children in Medicaid. According to the NGA, 26 states have opted for "strategies such as continuous eligibility" and 12 states use "presumptive eligibility" -- both of which were included in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to increase traditional Medicaid enrollment. Additionally, families that apply for CHIP but whose children are eligible for the traditional Medicaid will have their children automatically
enrolled. Finally, outreach efforts by the Administration, states, and the private sector have not focused solely on CHIP -- they have also included Medicaid. Information on traditional Medicaid enrollment will be available later this year.

INTENSIVE PUBLIC-PRIVATE OUTREACH EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY AND ENROLL ELIGIBLE, UNINSURED CHILDREN

One of the highest priorities of the Administration -- as well as the nation's Governors and the bipartisan Congress -- has been reducing the number of uninsured children. To ensure that every eligible child benefits from Medicaid and the new Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the President launched a public-private outreach campaign. Highlights of this campaign include:

Engaging the private sector in the nationwide "Insure Kids Now" Outreach Campaign. One of the major barriers to insuring children is education: too many families do not know that their children may be eligible. To get the word out, the nation's top media organizations, corporations, and non-profits have teamed up to launch a nationwide campaign. It includes:

"1-877-KIDS NOW" Hotline. The National Governors Association, Bell Atlantic, and the Administration have together launched 1-877 KIDS NOW, a new toll-free number to provide state-specific information about Medicaid and CHIP to families in all 50 states.

Public service announcements on national television and radio. NBC, ABC, Univision, the National Association of Broadcasters, Black Entertainment Television, and Viacom/Paramount are airing public service announcements promoting the toll-free number. Radio ads on Insure Kids Now will also be run nationwide.

Printing the Insure Kids Now toll-free number on products. Building on a series of commitments made in 1998, K-Mart, General Motors, the American Dental Hygienists Association, among others, have pledged to put the new toll-free number on grocery bags, toothbrushes, diaper boxes, pharmaceutical products, child safety seats, and school buses.

Finding families through other Federal programs. Recognizing that millions of low-income, working families come in contact with Federal programs, the President ordered nearly a dozen agencies to develop strategies to educate families about health insurance for children. These agencies formed a Task Force that has identified and started implementing over 150 actions to help enroll uninsured children. Examples of actions include:

Encouraging states and schools to distribute information through the 94,000 school lunch programs that serve 15 million children.

Educating 6 million families in low-income housing programs through 3,400 Public Housing Authorities and 25,000 owners and managers of multi-family properties.
Distributing 145,000 posters with the Insure Kids Now toll free number to over 20,000 health centers.

**Reducing and eliminating barriers to enrollment.** Throughout 1998, the Administration provided guidance and examples of how to streamline the application and enrollment process, making it easier for families to sign up their children. Last month, HHS also released new guidance on ensuring Medicaid coverage for families and children affected by welfare reform. Efforts will continue to strip away all unnecessary administrative barriers.

**Investing in children’s health insurance outreach.** The President’s FY 2000 budget includes about $1 billion over 5 years for outreach efforts. New funds will enable states to simplify enrollment systems, educate community members, outstation eligibility workers, and conduct other efforts that identify and enroll uninsured children in Medicaid and CHIP.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
APRIL 16, 1999

PRESS SCHEDULE OF THE FIRST LADY
FOR MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1999

Washington, D.C. -- On Monday, April 19, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will travel to New York. She will hold a discussion with heads of major international foundations on how best to channel funding to provide relief to Kosovar refugees.

In Central Park, the First Lady will participate in an announcement of the formation of the Millennium Trails Celebration Committee. Millennium Trails is a national millennium initiative that partners the White House Millennium Council, the Department of Transportation, and the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy to recognize, create, and enhance hiking, cultural, and other trails across the country.

The First Lady will present the 1999 Matrix Award for Broadcasting to Katie Couric at the New York Women in Communications, Inc. Matrix Awards Luncheon. Ms. Couric is one of eight distinguished women achievers in various fields of communications expected to receive this annual reward.

In the afternoon, the First Lady will deliver the inaugural speech of The Jill and Ken Iscol Lecture Series at Teachers College of Columbia University. Mrs. Clinton will launch this annual speaker series with a speech entitled, “Re-Imagining Education: A Matter of Justice and Possibility.”

In the evening, Mrs. Clinton will participate in Pratt Institute’s eighth annual “Celebration of the Creative Spirit” benefit in Manhattan, which will honor Thomas J. Burrell, Bobby Short, and Townsend Wolfe. In addition, she will deliver remarks at a reception for the Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund, which will honor her with a Lifetime Achievement Award recognize her efforts to promote women’s and children’s health in Ukraine and throughout the world.

She will also attend a fundraiser for Congressman Jerry Nadler (D-NY). Later in the evening, the First Lady will attend the 175th anniversary celebration of the Jewish Child Care Association, one of the oldest child care organization in country.

EVENT: Discussion with Foundations
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DATE: Monday, April 19
LOCATION: US Mission to the United Nations
45th and 1st Avenues
New York, New York

Press Notes:
OPEN PRESS. Spray at the top of the discussion. Press enter on 45th Street. Valid press identification required. Mult provided. Lights not provided. On-site contact is Craig Minassian.

Press access: 7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

EVENT: New York Rails-to-Trails Event
TIME: 11:10 a.m.
DATE: Monday, April 19
LOCATION: Loeb Central Park Boathouse
New York, New York

Press Notes:
OPEN PRESS. Press enter Central Park at East 72nd Street (at 5th Avenue) – proceed to Greenhouse Patio. Throw is 20’. Mult and lights provided. No satellite parking available. On-site contact is Craig Minassian.

Pre-set: 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Final Access: 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

EVENT: 1999 Matrix Awards for Broadcasting
TIME: 12:00 p.m.
DATE: Monday, April 19
LOCATION: Grand Ballroom – 4th Floor
The Waldorf Astoria
Park Avenue and 50th Street
New York, New York

Press Notes:
OPEN PRESS. Press enter on Park Avenue between East 49th and East 50th Streets. No satellite parking available. 60 - 75’ throw. Mult and lighting is provided. On-site contact is Craig Minassian.

Pre-set: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Final Access: 10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
EVENT: Teacher's College/ Columbia University
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
DATE: Monday, April 19
LOCATION: 136 Thompson Hall/Horace Mann Auditorium
Teachers College - Columbia University
Broadway at West 120th Street
New York, New York

Press Notes:
OPEN PRESS. Press enter on West 120th Street. Satellite parking available on West 120th Street. 40' throw. Mult and lighting provided. On-site contact is Craig Minassian.

Pre-set: 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Final Access: 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

EVENT: Pratt Institute's 8th Annual "Celebration of the Creative Spirit Awards" Scholarship Benefit Dinner
TIME: 6:15 p.m.
DATE: Monday, April 19
LOCATION: The Mark – Mark Suite
77th Street (between 5th and Madison)
New York, New York

Press Notes:
OPEN PRESS. Press enter via Mark Hotel Employee entrance (next to main entrance) on East 77th Street. 50' throw. Mult and lighting provided. No satellite truck parking available. On-site contact is Craig Minassian.

Pre-set: 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Final Access: 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

EVENT: Children of Chernobyl
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
DATE: Monday, April 19
LOCATION: Ukrainian Institute of America
2 East 79th Street
New York, New York

Press Notes:
POOL PRESS. Press enter via main entrance to Ukrainian Institute on East 77th Street at 5th Avenue. 25' throw. Mult and lighting available. No satellite parking available. On-site contact is Craig Minassian.

Pool configuration:
National tv pool: CNN (contact: Chris Kokenas, at 212/714-7820)
Local tv pool: TBD
Open for radio, writers, and stills

Pre-set: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Final Access: 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

EVENT: Fundraiser for Congressman Jerry Nadler
TIME: 8:30 p.m.
DATE: Monday, April 19
LOCATION: Windows on the World
1 World Trade Center – 107th Floor
New York, New York

Press Notes:
POOL PRESS. Press enter via World Trade Center lobby. No satellite truck parking available. 45' throw (at 45 degree angle). Mult and lighting available. On-site contact is Craig Minassian.

Pool configuration:
National tv pool: CNN (contact: Chris Kokenas, at 212/714-7820)
Local tv pool: TBD
Open press for print reporters, radio, and stills.

Pre-set: 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Final Access: 6:45 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

EVENT: Jewish Child Care Association’s 175th Anniversary Celebration
TIME: 9:10 p.m.
DATE: Monday, April 19
LOCATION: Cipriani
55 Wall Street
New York, New York

Press Notes:
OPEN PRESS. Press enter via main entrance at 55 Wall Street. 50’ throw. Mult and lighting provided. On-site contact is Craig Minassian.
Pre-set: 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Final Access: 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Editor’s Note: The First Lady will remain in New York overnight on Monday and has events in New York on Tuesday, April 20. Details of her Tuesday schedule will be released as they become available.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
APRIL 13, 1999

CONTACT: MARSHA BERRY
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PRESS SCHEDULE OF THE FIRST LADY
FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1999

Washington, D.C. -- On Wednesday, April 14, the First Lady will launch Northwestern Memorial’s new $580 million, state-of-the-art hospital. The First Lady will dedicate the hospital and cut the ribbon with Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley and Gary Mecklenburg, the hospital’s president and chief executive officer. At a separate event, the First Lady will participate in a roundtable discussion with working parents about the challenges they face in balancing their responsibilities at home and at work.

EVENT: Dedication of New Northwestern Memorial Hospital
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DATE: Wednesday, April 14
LOCATION: Northwestern Memorial Hospital
251 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois

Press Notes:
Tour of hospital - pool press.
The First Lady will proceed on a brief tour of the hospital upon arrival. Pool configuration: AP, Reuters, Chicago Tribune (writer only), tv station TBD). Pool members should arrive on-site no later than 9:45 a.m.

Speaking program - open press.
Mult and lighting are provided. Event is outdoors. Throw is approximately 50'.

Standard press identification necessary to cover this event. On-street parking only. Throw is approximately 60'. On-site contact is Mwitu Ndugu.

Pre-set: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Final Access: 9:00 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.

EVENT: Families Agenda Roundtable Discussion
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
DATE: Wednesday, April 14
LOCATION: Duncan YMCA
1001 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, Illinois

Press Notes
Open press. Mult and lighting provided. Throw is 40'. Press parking available in St. Ignatius parking lot, adjacent to YMCA. On-site contact is Mwitu Ndugu.

Pre-set: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Final access: 12:45 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Note: Upon conclusion of her events in Chicago, the First Lady will return to Washington DC.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
APRIL 12, 1999

PRESS SCHEDULE OF THE FIRST LADY
FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1999

Washington, D.C. -- On Tuesday, April 13, the First Lady will deliver the keynote speech at an event sponsored by the Campaign to Preserve U.S. Global Leadership and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. This event brings together leaders of business, humanitarian, and non-governmental organizations to discuss the need for the United States to remain aware of our role in the world, and the need for the United States to lend our voice to the events, discussions and debates that are occurring worldwide.

In the afternoon, the First Lady will travel to Florida. She will participate in a Yom Hashoah Ceremony, in memory of the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. Later in the evening, she will attend a fundraiser for Congressman Robert Wexler.

EVENT: Campaign to Preserve U.S. Global Leadership
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
DATE: Tuesday, April 13
LOCATION: The U.S. Chamber of Commerce
         1615 H Street, N.W.
         Washington, D.C.

Press Notes:
Open press. Mult and lighting are provided. Standard press identification necessary to cover this event. On-street parking only. Throw is approximately 60'. On-site contact is Leigh Flores.

Pre-set: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Final Access: 9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

EVENT: Yom Hashoah Ceremony
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
DATE: April 13, 1999
LOCATION: Zinman Hall
         South Beach County Jewish Federation
         9901 Donna Klein Boulevard
         Boca Raton, Florida
Press Notes:
Open press. Standard press identification required to gain access. Mult and lighting provided. 45' throw from riser. Press should enter site via main entrance to Zinnman Hall. Press parking available in Federation parking lot off Baer Boulevard. Satellite truck parking available in Federation parking lot - - directions onsite (400' cable run). On-site contact is Cheri Stockham.

Pre-set: 2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Final access: 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

EVENT: Fundraiser for Congressman Robert Wexler
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
DATE: Tuesday, April 13
LOCATION: Great Hall South
Boca Raton Resort and Club
501 East Camino Real
Boca Raton, Florida

Press Notes:
Open press. Mult and lighting provided. 50' throw. Valet parking only at entrance to the hotel. Satellite truck parking available behind Great Hall South, directed on-site (200' cable run). Press should enter site via Camino Real entrance to the hotel. On-site contact is Cheri Stockham.

Pre-set: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Final Access: 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Note: Upon conclusion of her events in Florida, the First Lady will return to Washington DC.

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Attention news assignment editors/producers:  
Timely Discussion on U.S. Global Engagement Policy  

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to address diverse coalition representing millions of Americans that support preserving U.S. global leadership.

Why: American global leadership needs to be maintained now more than ever with instability and hardship brewing overseas. The U.S. international affairs budget helps protect our national security, stimulate economic growth and jobs, alleviate human suffering and promote humanitarian interests.

Still, the U.S. cumulative international affairs budgets proposed in Congress for FY2000 are dangerously low, slated to drop to less than one penny of every federal dollar spent, a 30% drop in real dollars since 1986.

What: A rally, cosponsored by the Campaign to Preserve U.S. Global Leadership and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, to promote continued U.S. global engagement abroad and demonstrate domestic support for needed international affairs funding.

The Campaign to Preserve U.S. Global Leadership is a unique coalition comprised of nearly 250 organizations -- representing millions of Americans -- ranging from prominent businesses, to ethnic, humanitarian and environmental groups. Together, these diverse groups are the core of a domestic constituency for U.S. foreign policy engagement.

Who: The First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Keynote Speaker
    Vance Coffman, Chairman and CEO, Lockheed Martin Corporation
    Lydia Marshall, Chair of the Board, CARE
    Lonnie Kaplan, President AIPAC
    Joel Johnson, President, Campaign to Preserve U.S. Global Leadership

When: Tuesday, April 13, 1999 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
The U.S. Chamber of Commerce
1615 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.
> Wrap-up interviews available at conclusion of event.
To Photo Desk: attention Photo Editor

Unusual Allies Unite Behind Timely Push for Needed International Affairs Funding to Preserve U.S. Global Leadership

First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, addresses rally of supporters at U.S. Chamber of Commerce assembled to support a strong international affairs budget to maintain U.S. global leadership

What: The First Lady and a diverse domestic group of international affairs leaders address crowd of supporters rallying in Washington to mount an effort promoting U.S. global engagement and a strong international affairs budget.

When: Tuesday, April 13, 1999
Events begin @ 9:30 a.m.

Who: The First Lady of the United States
Vance Coffman, Chairman and CEO Lockheed Martin Corporation
Lydia Marshall, Chair of the Board, CARE
Lonnie Kaplan, President, AIPAC

Where: The U.S. Chamber of Commerce
1615 H Street, NW
Washington, D.C.
Today, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton travels to Chicago, Illinois, to take part in a roundtable discussion with working parents and listen to their concerns about balancing responsibilities at home and at work. The President has proposed a series of initiatives that put families first and help them to meet their responsibilities to their jobs and, even more important, to their families. This Families Agenda includes important new investments to strengthen child care, increase before- and after-school opportunities, address growing long-term care needs, and expand access to family and medical leave. In addition, the President’s agenda supports working families by protecting Social Security as America’s family protection system and by ensuring that every working American receives equal pay and equal opportunities.

Protecting Social Security as America’s Family Protection System. The President has proposed a bold framework for saving Social Security for the 21st Century -- devoting 62 percent of the projected budget surpluses over the next 15 years to the Social Security system and investing a small portion of this surplus in the private sector to earn a higher return. Strengthening Social Security is particularly important to working families and to women. Social Security provides benefits to spouses of any age who care for children under 16 if the worker is retired, becomes disabled or dies. And, without Social Security, over 50 percent of elderly women would live in poverty. The President has also proposed using 12 percent of the projected budget surplus to create new Universal Savings Accounts -- USA Accounts -- to help all Americans build nest eggs for their retirement.

Improving Access to Affordable, Quality Child Care. The President has proposed to significantly enhance assistance to low- and middle-income parents paying for child care. Today, working families are saddled with high child care costs, yet only 1.25 million of the 10 million low-income children eligible receive child care subsidies. The President’s budget invests $7.5 billion over five years to serve an additional 1.15 million children with child care subsidies. The President has also proposed greater tax relief through the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit, providing an additional average tax cut of $354 for qualifying families earning under $60,000. This proposal would eliminate income tax liability for nearly all families of four with incomes below $35,000 and high child care costs. Finally, the President’s budget steps up investment in improving child care quality and ensuring that all children arrive to school ready to learn.

Increasing After-School Opportunities. Experts agree that school-age children who are unsupervised during the hours after school are far more likely to use alcohol, drugs, and tobacco, commit crimes, receive poor grades, and drop out of school than
those who are involved in supervised, constructive activities. Yet, at least 5 million children -- and as many as 15 million -- are left alone at home each week. The President is committed to tripling funding for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program, which supports the creation and expansion of after-school and summer school enrichment programs throughout the country. His historic budget increase -- from $200 million to $600 million for fiscal year 2000 -- would enable the program to serve over one million more school-aged children.

**Addressing Growing Long-Term Care Needs.** The President Clinton has proposed an historic new initiative to support elderly and disabled Americans with long-term care needs and the millions of families caring for them. Today, millions of Americans voluntarily provide unpaid, informal long-term care to disabled family members and friends. Nearly 40 percent of all informal caregiving to aging Americans is provided by their children. The aging of Americans will only increase the need for quality long-term care options -- by 2030, the number of elderly Americans will have doubled, so that one in five Americans will be elderly. To address this growing need for support, the President’s budget invests $6.2 billion over five years, including $5.5 billion to provide a $1,000 tax credit to compensate for the cost of long-term care services, and $625 million to provide respite, home care services, and information and referral assistance to the roughly 250,000 families caring for elderly relatives who are chronically ill or disabled.

**Ensuring Equal Pay and Equal Opportunities.** A recent Council of Economic Advisors report found that, although the gap between women’s and men’s wages has narrowed substantially since the signing of the Equal Pay Act in 1963, there still is a significant gap that can best be explained by discrimination in the workplace. President Clinton has called for new federal legislation to strengthen wage discrimination laws and provide for additional training and public education efforts on equal pay issues. The President has endorsed the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would increase penalties for equal pay violations, prohibit employers from punishing employees and applicants for sharing salary information, improve data collection, and provide for training, research and a new pay equity award. The President’s budget also includes a new $14 million Equal Pay initiative that would enable the Department of Labor and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to increase compliance with federal wage discrimination laws and to provide technical assistance.

**Expanding Access to Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), the first piece of legislation that the President signed into law, has enabled millions of American workers take up to 12 weeks of job-protected leave care for a newborn or adopted child, to attend to their own serious health needs, or care for a seriously ill parent, child or spouse. Today, Americans are covered by the law if they work in a company with 50 or more workers. The President is proposing to extend the benefits of FMLA to ten million more Americans by covering workers in companies with 25 or more employees. The President is also proposing to expand the law to allow FMLA-eligible workers take up to 24 hours of additional leave each year to meet specified family obligations, including routine doctors appointments and
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Washington, D.C. -- Tonight the President and First Lady will host the seventh Millennium Evening at the White House. This evening's program, titled *The Perils of Indifference: Lessons Learned from a Violent Century*, will feature Nobel Peace Prize winner and Boston University Professor Elie Wiesel. The program will be held in the East Room of the White House.

Millennium Evenings at the White House are a series of lectures and cultural showcases that highlight creativity and inventiveness through ideas, art, and scientific discoveries. The lectures feature prominent scholars, creators, and visionaries and are accessible to the public via broadcast and cybercast. These evenings follow the overall theme of the White House millennium activities, “Honor the Past - Imagine the Future,” by inviting all Americans to participate in activities that celebrate our democracy, strengthen communities and give lasting gifts to the future.

The President, the First Lady, and Professor Elie Wiesel will lead a reflective discussion of the darker impulses which have given rise in the twentieth century to unimaginable injustices, and on the phenomenon of human indifference which characterizes such tragedies. Professor Wiesel will address the dehumanization of those who are considered different, or “the other,” and the shocking consequences of this attitude in the twentieth century. Together, the participants will discuss what individual and societies can do to create a future with greater peace and understanding.

The President and First Lady encourage the public to participate in the evening’s discussion by e-mailing questions for Professor Wiesel or comments on the discussion itself, either during or after the cybercast. These may be sent via the White House Web Site (http://www.whitehouse.gov). The web site will post satellite coordinates (C and KU bands) and serve as a link to the cybercast.

Note: A biography of Elie Wiesel is attached.
Elie Wiesel

A native of Sighet, Transylvania (Romania), Elie Wiesel and his family were deported by the Nazis to Auschwitz when he was 15 years old. His mother and younger sister perished there; his two older sisters survived. Wiesel and his father were later transported to Buchenwald, where his father died. Wiesel remained silent for ten years about his experiences during the Holocaust. He was persuaded to end his silence during an interview in Paris, where he was working as a journalist after the war and subsequently wrote La Nuit (Night). Since its publication in 1958, La Nuit has been translated into 25 languages and millions of copies have been sold worldwide.

Elie Wiesel’s efforts on behalf of human rights have earned him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States Congressional Gold Medal, the rank of Grand Officer in the French Legion of Honor, and in 1986, the Nobel Peace Prize. Three months after he received the Nobel Peace Prize, Elie and his wife, Marion, established The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity. Its mission is to advance the cause for human rights and peace throughout the world by creating a new forum for the discussion of urgent ethical issues confronting humanity. The Foundation has participated in and sponsored several conferences on human rights, and in 1997, Elie Wiesel co-chaired “Forum 2000” with Vaclav Havel in Prague. He has received more than 90 honorary degrees from institutions of higher learning and is the author of more than 40 books.

Since 1976, Wiesel has been the Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities at Boston University where he also holds the title of University Professor. He is a member of the faculty of the Department of Religion as well as the Department of Philosophy.

An American citizen since 1963, Wiesel lives in New York with his wife, Marion, and son, Elisha.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
APRIL 9, 1999

PRESS SCHEDULE OF THE FIRST LADY  
FOR MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1999

Washington, D.C. - On Monday, April 12, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will visit a child care center in the District of Columbia to promote greater investment in child care and to empower parents with the information they need to make child care choices that are right for them. The First Lady will announce the release of a new study on child care safety by the Consumer Safety Product Commission and helps launch the second phase of Lifetime Television's child care awareness campaign, "Caring for Kids."

In the evening, the First Lady will join the President at the seventh Millennium Evening at the White House, featuring Elie Wiesel.

EVENT: Visit to “Just Us Kids” Child Care Center  
TIME: 11:00 a.m.  
DATE: April 12, 1999  
LOCATION: Just Us Kids Health Care Center  
625 Indiana Ave NW (entrance on D Street)  
Washington DC

Press Notes:  
Tour of Child Care Center  
Upon arrival, the First Lady will tour the child care center. A pre-set still-only pool will cover a portion of the tour. Pool configuration: Reuters photo, AP photo, Washington Post photo.

Speaking Program  
Speaking program is open press. Throw is approximately 30'. Lighting and mult provided.

On-street parking available. The on-site contact is George Shelton.

Pre-set: 9:00 am - 9:30 am  
Final access: 10:15 am - 10:45 am

Editor’s Note: Please refer to the President’s press schedule for logistical details on the Millennium Evening.
Today, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton visits a child care center to promote greater investment in child care and to empower parents with the information they need to make child care choices that are right for them. The First Lady announces the release of a new study on child care safety and efforts to help parents and child care providers identify and correct hidden hazards that may exist in a variety of care settings. In addition, Mrs. Clinton helps launch new efforts from Lifetime Television's child care awareness campaign, "Caring for Kids."

New Study From The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission For Parents And Care Givers. Today, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) releases a new Child Care Safety Checklist of potential hidden hazards in eight product areas -- cribs, soft bedding, playground surfacing, playground maintenance, safety gates, window blind and curtain cords, clothing drawstrings, and recalled products -- based on its assessment of 220 child care centers nationwide. The CPSC's recommendations include making sure that safety gates are used to keep children away from potentially dangerous areas, especially stairs, and abandoning the use of children's clothing with drawstrings around the hood and neck. Of the child care facilities studied, including private, non-profit, government-run and home-based centers, two-thirds exhibited at least one of the safety hazards. The CPSC will undertake an aggressive outreach program to get this vital information into the hands of parents and care givers nationwide. To help initiate this public information campaign, the General Services Administration (GSA), which runs child care centers for federal employees, will distribute the checklist to all of its centers in the United States.

Lifetime Television's "Caring for Kids" Campaign. To provide parents with the information they need, and give them the opportunity to have their voices heard, the First Lady helps launch new efforts from Lifetime Television's "Caring for Kids" campaign. In phase one of the campaign, Lifetime gathered thousands of parents' child care stories and amplified those voices in the documentary "Confronting the Crisis: Child Care in America." In its second phase, having heard from families facing child care struggles, Lifetime will work with a diverse group of partners, from child care providers to law enforcement officials, to amplify the voices and struggles of parents and others around the issue of child care.

The First Lady Urges Greater Investment in Child Care. The First Lady urged greater attention and investment in addressing the critical child care needs of America's working families. Millions of Americans, struggling to be both good parents and good workers, rely on child care and after-school programs for part of each day. As part of his balanced budget request, President Clinton called for significant new investments in child care -- to help working families pay for child care, build a good supply of after-school programs, improve the safety and quality of care, and promote early learning. According to the most recent figures, ten million families are eligible for federal subsidies, yet only 1.25 million received support in 1997. The First Lady urges the Congress to join in a bipartisan way to take action on child care this year.
Thank you very much, General McDuffie. I am honored to be here and to have a chance to see in action just a brief snapshot of what you’re doing on behalf of this mission. I’m pleased to be joined here with those who support our military men and women and their families, and in particular, this base. I want to thank Governor and Mrs. Carper for joining us. I want to thank Congressman Castle. And I particularly want to thank Senator Biden. Because what he said today needs to be said over and over again to remind us why we’re doing what we’re doing and why each of you is an integral part of fulfilling America’s mission of leadership at this point in the world’s history.

I’m very grateful for all of the military personnel and the leadership who have pulled together the humanitarian side of this mission. We know very well that there are a lot of men and women who are supporting the bombing and are actually making those flights, and we want to think and pause for a minute to make sure we remember them and their families as well.

General McDuffie and General Handy have worked very hard on the military side to make sure the logistics are handled as well as they can be. And Brian Atwood, the Administrator of USAID, brings his considerable experience to bear on making sure the work you do here actually gets delivered and makes a difference in the lives of the men, women, and children we are trying to help.

But none of this would be possible -- none of the planning, none of the effort -- if it weren’t for the men and women on this base. So let me thank Colonel Grieder and the entire Eagle Wing and Liberty Wing for all you’re doing to bring the food that I saw being flown in to the people of Kosovo. Your contribution represents almost half of the 1.1 million HDR’s that we are providing now. There’s no way these people we are trying to help could get a meal because there are no cooking facilities where they’re being temporarily placed, were it not for these HDR’s. So every time you package one up and load it on a pallet and put it on an aircraft, I hope you’ll have in mind the pictures and the faces that I do of the people who are going to be on the other end and receive this gift of the American people that you’re making possible.
You know, I went to Bosnia shortly after the peace accords were signed, when it was safe enough to go to our base in Tuzla, but not very safe to go anywhere else. I couldn’t get in to Sarajevo. But I was able to fly out of Tuzla into two base camps -- Camp Alicia and Camp Bedrock -- to visit with the men and women who were there on the front lines of America’s peace-keeping efforts. And I also had an opportunity to visit with some of the people, principally women, who had survived that first of Milosevic’s attempts to bring to bear the full weight of his dictatorial powers -- his use of propaganda, disinformation, the stirring up of ethnic and religious hatred -- for his own personal, political, partisan advantage. And I remember sitting in a room in Tuzla talking with a group of Bosnians. There were Serbs and Croats and Muslims. I couldn’t tell who was who based on my observation of them. I listened to them explain to me how it came to be that all of a sudden, neighbor was turned against neighbor, and paramilitary units were given free reign to round up men and boys and put them in camps and summarily execute them. Or to rape women. Or to turn children into orphans. And one of the people with whom I was speaking said, “You know, when it started in my village, I went to one of my neighbors and I said, ‘Why is this happening? We’ve known each other, we’ve known our families so long. We’ve been at each other’s weddings; we’ve attended the funerals of our loved ones. Why is this happening?’ And the response that I was given,” she told me, “is from the voice of an old friend: ‘Well, we were told that if we didn’t do this to you, you would do it to us.’” And the woman said, “Well, who told you that?” And the answer was, “Well, we read it in a newspaper or we heard it on the radio.” It was the message of hatred, it was the message of ethnic cleansing, that Milosevic and his allies were putting out in order to turn Bosnia into a killing field.

Now what we saw happen in Bosnia was part of a larger plan on the part of Milosevic. And this is a continuation of the plan. It didn’t just start a few weeks ago. And these refugees, although they are now coming out in the tens of thousands, they were coming out in smaller numbers on a regular basis over the last year. Last Spring, I met in the White House with a woman who is a pediatrician from Pristina, the capital of Kosova. And she sat and detailed to me what it meant for her to be taking care of the women and children who are being driven into the mountains, who are fleeing before the Serb paramilitary units. She didn’t have the medicine to take care of them. They were dehydrated. They were contracting diseases. She came to me to tell me what was going on firsthand, and this was a year ago. And so diplomacy was tried; interventions were tried; common sense, appeals to humanity were tried. In every way we knew how to try to talk to a person who wasn’t interested in hearing about the suffering of women and children, but only interested in his own perverted view of what was a political strategy to keep himself and his allies in power.

So the peace efforts were not sufficient. And you know, you learn early enough in life that sometimes after you try everything you know, whether you like it or not, you have to use force to try to bring across a message, and to try to make it clear that you will not tolerate unacceptable behavior and actions that strike at the very core of what it means to be a human being.

So I wanted to come to thank those of you who are on the front lines of fulfilling the need that we as Americans and as members of the NATO alliance feel to send that message as forcefully as we possibly can, but to fulfill also, because of our values, the role of providing humanitarian relief to those who have been driven out of their homes. I know that this has been added to your
other regular duties. Many of you have put in enormous extra hours of work in order to make sure that this mission can be accomplished. Many of you even gave up your Easter weekend to come in and do the work that needed to be done. A couple of the people I spoke with earlier told me that it wasn’t even hard to get you to do that. It just took a phone call and you were on your way.

When you think about it, there would hardly be a more relevant way of fulfilling the meaning of Easter than trying to turn darkness and despair into hope and renewal. And that is what you are making possible.

I sometimes try -- when I visit places where terrible atrocities have occurred, where people have seemed to have lost all sense of empathy or compassion with their fellow human beings -- I try to imagine, as hard as it is for Americans to do that, I try to imagine what it would be like if something this terrible were to happen here. Instead of the people I don’t know whose faces I see on the television screen, I try to superimpose the faces of people I do know and love, and imagine them being forced out of their homes and villages. Imagine them being pushed at gunpoint to walk into the hills without their belongings or their identity papers. Imagine children that I love and spend time with having to endure sub-freezing temperatures, rain, and even snow. And then I think about all of my friends huddled together in a no man’s land, unable to go back home and unable to go forward into a place of refuge and safety.

If you think about it that way, then it’s easier to understand that, as blessed as we are here in our country, there are countless people who don’t share those blessings and look to us for the very simplest gift, right now, of survival. And when I met the men and women that I shook hands with and thanked, who were loading the HDRs and securing the pallets and getting them on the tonners and getting them into the bellies and I was able to say thank you, I could imagine this human chain from hand to hand to hand here at Dover to our personnel who will be unloading and then distributing this food. And it is such a strong statement against what we are standing up to fight.

You are also representing countless other Americans -- the relief workers, other members of the military, ordinary citizens -- who want to lend a helping hand as well. The United States has already committed $150 million to this humanitarian operation, and we will stand by the Kosovar refugees until they can once again rebuild their own lives in security. Just this morning the President reiterated that the United States will not accept as permanent the results of this ethnic cleansing, not when a quarter of Kosovo’s people are living in refugee camps beyond Kosovo’s borders. And not when hundreds of thousands more are trapped inside, afraid to go home but unable to leave. This gift from the people of the United States of America, which is emblazoned on the side of every box and on every HDR, is the way we can fulfill our own values and reach out across this vast ocean to try to alleviate the plight of these refugees.

I know that many Americans are responding. I’ve been checking on the results of the contacts that have been made at the White House. We’ve received countless calls, letters and e-mails from people who want to know how they can help. A woman from Indiana wrote the White House saying, “I’ve watched the refugees on television all evening and I’m deeply concerned. Is there anything the mothers of this country can do to assist the mothers who have been
displaced?” A veteran from Ohio wrote, “I spent 25 years helping to defeat the Soviet Union. What can I do now to help the suffering of the refugees?” And a group of junior high students from Minnesota wrote, “We all feel it is horrible what is going on in Kosovo and we want to help the people who have no food and made it past the border.” But I especially like what a woman from Florida wrote when she said, “Tonight I will close my eyes haunted by the image of the refugees fleeing, the looks in the eyes of the children and the elderly. We are so blessed in our beloved country and I really believe the majority of American folks would like to help these folks in some way but really don’t know how.”

Well, I want Americans to know that you are helping. The relief efforts that our military and relief agencies are doing is an extension of all of us as Americans. But there are ways that individuals, who aren’t members of our Armed Forces or aren’t a member of a relief agency, can help as well. There’s a toll free number that you can call: 1-800-USAID-RELIEF. Already more than 22,000 people have called. And right after this I will be filming a PSA to give more Americans this number so that they can call as well. That is the way to not only help the Kosovar refugees, but to thank the men and women of this Dover team for what you are doing.

You know, I mentioned being in Bosnia and talking to the victims of Milosevic’s initial effort to dominate other people and to ethnically cleanse land that he believes should be off limits to them. That made a very big impression on me, but probably an even bigger impression came when I looked into the faces of the men and women in our military who are on the front lines keeping the peace there in Bosnia. I had the same feeling today when I met the members of the Dover team. You know, you go down a line of Americans and you shake hands and somebody says, “I’m from Pennsylvania;” and somebody else says, “I’m from Oklahoma;” and somebody else says, “I’m from Hawaii.” And you look into faces that are every shape and color from the whitest white to the darkest black and everything in between, and you hear different accents of people who grew up in the city and grew up in the country, grew up in the north, grew up in the south. And they’re all Americans, and they’re all part of this Dover team, and they’re all part of the United States military.

When I was shaking hands today, just like when I was shaking hands in Bosnia, I couldn’t tell you who among those I shook hands with was a Christian, a Muslim, or a Jew. I couldn’t tell you what their political beliefs were, what their personal experiences were, because that’s what we’ve worked so hard to overcome in our country. We’ve made a lot of progress. We have some problems, but year after year, decade after decade, we’ve tried to fulfill our ideals and values. And here at the end of this century we are the only remaining superpower. And we are not just because of our military mind, and not just because of the stock market going over 10,000. As important as those are, we are because of what we are inside and what we believe. And so every day when you come to work here, you’re not only doing what’s important to be done on this mission and all the others you are assigned, you are in small ways and large representing what is best in this country. And you are also representing what we are fighting to make possible for other people: that every man, woman, and child can live up to their own God-given dreams and potential. Thank you for making it possible for these desperate people to have a belief that there is a tomorrow and that they will be able to see once again their own dreams. Thank you very much.
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PRESS SCHEDULE OF THE FIRST LADY
FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 1999

Washington, D.C. -- On Friday, April 9, 1999, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will travel to Dover, Delaware. The First Lady will visit Dover Air Force Base to observe and recognize the continuing NATO-led humanitarian relief efforts for the Kosovo refugees.

EVENT: Visit to Dover Air Force Base
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
DATE: April 9, 1999
LOCATION: Dover AFB
Building 505 (photo-op)
Hangar 706 (program)
Dover, DE

Press Notes
Tight pool for photo-op. Pool is comprised of AP photo, Reuters photo, and t.v. camera (tbd on-site). Open press for remarks only. No pre-credentialing is required. Press interested in covering this event must arrive at the Dover AFB Main Gate no later than 11:30 a.m. For more information, please contact the 436th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office at 302-677-3372. The on-site contact is Marissa Luzzatto.

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WASHINGTON, DC - The President and Mrs. Clinton are hosting his Excellency Zhu Rongji, Premier of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China, and Madame Lao An at a White House Official Dinner on Thursday, April 8, 1999. Premier Zhu Rongji and Madame Lao An will arrive at the North Portico at 7:15 p.m.

Guests will be received by the President and Mrs. Clinton, and Premier Zhu Rongji and Madame Lao An in the Cross Hall of the White House. Following the receiving line, the President and Mrs. Clinton will escort Premier Zhu Rongji and Madame Lao An into the East Room for dinner.

The tables in the East Room will be set with Ronald Reagan base plates; the Ronald Reagan china will be used for service. Kennedy Morgantown crystal and gold Vermeil flatware will be set on rose dante damask tablecloths. Centerpieces will be created from Vermeil bamboo containers filled with flaming parrot tulips, Raphaela roses, cream timeless roses, oncidium orchids, yellow ginestra and Icelandic poppies. The floral arrangements will be surrounded by gold taper candles in gold candlesticks and gold votive candles.

Following the dinner, guests will be entertained in the East Room by premier cellist Yo-Yo Ma, pianist Sara Wolfensohn, and pipa soloist Wu Man.

NOTE: Information on the menu, entertainment, and official gifts is attached. Guest list will be released separately as soon as it is available.
APRIL 8, 1998
OFFICIAL DINNER MENU

WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL DINNER HONORING
HIS EXCELLENCY ZHU RONGJI,
PREMIER OF THE STATE COUNCIL
OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA,
AND MADAME LAO AN

MENU

Grilled Chicken with Vidalia Onion Glaze
Spring Vegetables and Oregon Morels
Ramp Dressing

Roasted Salmon on Caramelized Fennel and Endive
Basil Tomatoes, Artichoke and Fava Beans
Red Wine and Citrus Reduction

Mache, Dandelion and Wild Greens
Pear and Maytag Bleu Terrine
Port Wine Dressing

Dessert

Orange Sherbet and Tea Parfait
Kumquat Tartlettes
Miniature Mango Pudding
Chocolate Brittle Flan and Almond Swan

Wines

Macari Chardonnay “Estate” 1997
Talley Pinot Noir “Rosemary’s” 1996
Jordan “J” 1994
Yo-Yo Ma began his career at the age of four under the direction of his father. He later attended The Juilliard School in New York and studied under Leonard Rose. Yo-Yo Ma’s many-faceted career is a testament to his continuous search for new ways to communicate with audiences and to his desire for artistic growth and renewal. Mr. Ma strives to discover connections that stimulate the imagination, whether through performing a new concerto, revisiting a familiar work, assembling with colleagues for chamber music, reaching out to young audiences and musicians, or exploring cultures and music outside the Western classical tradition.

Now the world’s premier cellist and winner of twelve Grammy Awards, Yo-Yo Ma is strongly committed to educational programs that not only expose young audiences to music but allow them to participate in its creation. While touring, he takes time to conduct master classes as well as more informal programs for students – both musicians and non-musicians alike. Over the next few years, Mr. Ma plans to develop musical projects based on his exploration of cultures along the Silk Road, the ancient trading route that connected East Asia to Europe. His long-held fascination for the history of this vast area is a natural extension of his interest in cultural exchange.

Sara Wolfensohn is one of the most accomplished and versatile musicians of her generation. Her career has encompassed performances with major American and European orchestras, collaborations with cellist Mstislav Rostropovich and numerous solo recitals around the world. Born in Sydney, Australia, Ms. Wolfensohn began her piano studies in London. She later moved to New York and worked with such greats as Bella Davidovich, Samuel Sanders and Felix Galamir at The Juilliard School. Ms. Wolfensohn currently studies with Dorothy Taubman.

Wu Man is one of today’s most outstanding pipa soloists. She mastered the art of this ancient four-stringed lute at China’s renowned Pudong School of Pipa Playing. She not only performs the traditional pipa repertoire but also has been recognized internationally as a leading interpreter of contemporary pipa music. Born in Hangzhou, China, Wu Man began professional music training at the age of 10. Her exceptional talents earned her the honor of becoming the first to receive a master’s degree in pipa at the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing. She makes her home in Massachusetts and travels to bring new works to leading music centers around the world.

Tonight’s program features a piece composed by Bright Sheng in honor of this special occasion. Mr. Sheng was born in Shanghai, China and earned his undergraduate degree in
music composition from Shanghai Conservatory of Music. The world-famous composer moved to New York to study at Queens College, CUNY and Columbia University. Among his principal teachers were Leonard Bernstein, Jack Beeson and Chou Wen-Chung. Mr. Sheng's music has been widely performed in the United States, Europe and Asia. As a pianist and conductor, Mr. Sheng has graced many of the world's most important stages.
APRIL 8, 1998
OFFICIAL GIFTS

PRESIDENT CLINTON’S GIFT TO PREMIER ZHU RONGJI:

The official gift for Premier Zhu Rongji from President Clinton on the occasion of his Official Visit to Washington, D.C., is an original handcrafted McSpadden dulcimer from Mountain View, Arkansas. This musical instrument is crafted by Lynn McSpadden, an Arkansas native who has been making dulcimers for 37 years. The dulcimers are crafted from cherry wood and spruce. This dulcimer is presented in a leather case with the Presidential Seal and inscription commemorating his Official Visit to the United States.

MRS. CLINTON’S GIFT TO MADAME LAO AN:

The official gift for Madame Lao An is a set of four stained glass panels designed by American architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Wright’s stunning feats of architecture and unique designs have made him one of America’s foremost architects. These four panels are designs of water lilies, wisteria, saguaros, and a prairie-style panel. In addition, Mrs. Clinton presented Madame Lao An with a copy of Wright’s autobiography.

PREMIER ZHU RONGJI AND MADAME LAO AN’S GIFT TO THE FIRST FAMILY:

The First Family received from Premier Zhu Rongji and Madame Lao An a cherry wood framed sketch painting of the President, the First Lady, and Chelsea Clinton at the Great Wall.

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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OFFICIAL DINNER - THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1999
7:30 PM - EAST ROOM

THE PRESIDENT and MRS. CLINTON

HE Zhu Rongji; Premier of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China
Madame Lao An
HE Wu Yi; State Councilor
HE Wang Zhongyu; State Councilor and Secretary-General of the State Council
HE Tang Jiaxuan; Minister of Foreign Affairs
HE Zeng Peiyuan; Chairman of the State Development and Planning Commission
HE Shi Guangsheng; Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation
HE Liu Huaqiu; Special Assistant to Premier Zhu Rongji
HE Gui Shiyong; Director of the Research Office of the State Council
HE Li Zhaoxing; Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to the United States
Madame Qin Xiaomei
Mr. Ma Kai; Deputy Secretary-General of the State Council
Mr. Yang Jiechi; Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs
Mr. Long Yongtu; Chief Negotiator of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation
Mr. Li Wei; Director of Premier Zhu Rongji’s Office
Mr. Zhang Yesui; Director-General, Protocol Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Hon. Madeleine K. Albright; Secretary of State
Dr. Donald H. Argue; President, Northwest College, Kirkland, Washington
Rev. Richard Cizik; Director of the Office of Government Affairs
National Association of Evangelicals

Hon. and Mrs. Michael H. Armacost (Roberta)
President of the Brookings Institution

Hon. Elizabeth Frawley Bagley; Former Ambassador to Portugal
Mr. Smith W. Bagley

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Barrie (Paula)
Senior Government Relations Advisor, O’Connor & Hannan, LLP

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R/Nebraska

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   Counselor, Center for Strategic and International Studies
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Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Burnett (Margaret)
   Executive Vice President, National Cotton Council
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen M. Case (Jean)
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CEO, Motorola, Inc.

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Assistant Secretary of Policy & International Affairs, Department of Energy
Dr. Pauline Gee

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Ms. Betsy Henley-Cohn; Chairwoman, Birmingham Utilities

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Chairman and CEO, IBM Corporation

Professor Paul Gewirtz; Professor of Constitutional Law, Yale Law School
Ms. Zoe Baird; President of the Markle Foundation

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Mr. Lee Sands; Chairman, International Trade Practice, Mayer, Brown & Platt

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Mrs. Loretta Glickman; Deputy Chief of Staff to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

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Hon. John Judge; Iowa State Senator  

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Chairman and CEO, United Parcel Service  

Mr. Mark Knoller; Correspondent, CBS News  
Ms. Janet Leissner; Vice President and Washington Bureau Chief, CBS News  

Ms. Michelle Kwan; United States Figure Skating Champion  
Mr. Shepard Goldberg; Agent and Manager for Ms. Kwan  

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Ms. Jill A. Hornor  

Ms. Wu Man; Pipa Soloist  

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Mr. David E. Sanger; Washington Economic Correspondent, The New York Times

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF
HIS EXCELLENCY ZHU RONGJI
PREMIER OF THE STATE COUNCIL
OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
AND MADAME LAO AN
THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1999

Menu

Grilled Chicken with Vidalia Onion Glaze
Spring Vegetables and Oregon Morels
Ramp Dressing

Roasted Salmon on Caramelized Fennel and Endive
Basil Tomatoes, Artichoke and Fava Beans
Red Wine and Citrus Reduction

Mache, Dandelion and Wild Greens
Pear and Maytag Bleu Terrine
Port Wine Dressing

Dessert

Orange Sherbet and Tea Parfait
Kumquat Tarlettes
Miniature Mango Pudding
Chocolate Brittle Flan and Almond Swan

Wines

Macari Chardonnay “Estate” 1997
Talley Pinot Noir “Rosemary’s” 1996
Jordan “J” 1994

Other Information:

China: Ronald Reagan Baseplate
       Ronald Reagan China
Flatware: The Vermeil Collection
Crystal: Kennedy Morgantown
Tablecloths Rose Dante Damask
Centerpieces: Bamboo containers from The Vermeil Collection are filled with flaming parrot tulips (yellow with red stripe), timeless roses (cream), oncidium orchids, yellow ginestra and Icelandic poppies and surrounded by gold candlesticks with gold taper candles and gold votive candles.
Entertainment: Please see attached.
Yo-Yo Ma began his career at the age of four under the direction of his father. He later attended The Juilliard School in New York and studied under Leonard Rose. Yo-Yo Ma's many-faceted career is a testament to his continuous search for new ways to communicate with audiences and to his desire for artistic growth and renewal. Mr. Ma strives to discover connections that stimulate the imagination, whether through performing a new concerto, revisiting a familiar work, assembling with colleagues for chamber music, reaching out to young audiences and musicians, or exploring cultures and music outside the Western classical tradition.

Now the world's premier cellist and winner of twelve Grammy Awards, Yo-Yo Ma is strongly committed to educational programs that not only expose young audiences to music but allow them to participate in its creation. While touring, he takes time to conduct master classes as well as more informal programs for students—both musicians and non-musicians alike. Over the next few years, Mr. Ma plans to develop musical projects based on his exploration of cultures along the Silk Road, the ancient trading route that connected East Asia to Europe. His long-held fascination for the history of this vast area is a natural extension of his interest in cultural exchange.

Sara Wolfensohn is one of the most accomplished and versatile musicians of her generation. Her career has encompassed performances with major American and European orchestras, collaborations with cellist Mstislav Rostropovich and numerous solo recitals around the world. Born in Sydney, Australia, Ms. Wolfensohn began her piano studies in London. She later moved to New York and worked with such greats as Bella Davidovich, Samuel Sanders and Felix Galamir at The Juilliard School. Ms. Wolfensohn currently studies with Dorothy Taubman.

Wu Man is one of today's most outstanding pipa soloists. She mastered the art of this ancient four-stringed lute at China's renowned Pudong School of pipa playing. She not only performs the traditional pipa repertoire but also has been recognized internationally as a leading interpreter of contemporary pipa music. Born in Hangzhou, China, Wu Man began professional music training at the age of ten. Her exceptional talents earned her the honor of becoming the first to receive a master's degree in pipa at the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing. She makes her home in Massachusetts and travels to bring new works to leading music centers around the world.

Tonight's program features a piece composed by Bright Sheng in honor of this special occasion. Mr. Sheng was born in Shanghai, China and earned his undergraduate degree in music composition from Shanghai Conservatory of Music. The world-famous composer moved to New York to study at Queens College, CUNY and Columbia University. Among his principal teachers were Leonard Bernstein, Jack Beeson and Chou Wen-Chung. Mr. Sheng's music has been widely performed in the United States, Europe and Asia. As a pianist and conductor, Mr. Sheng has graced many of the world's most important stages.
WASHINGTON, DC -- The following is a tentative time-line of press coverage for the White House Official Dinner to be given in honor of his Excellency Zhu Rongji, Premier of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China, and Madame Lao An.

Attire note: Press must wear either dark business attire, tux optional.
Time line note: Logistical movements in regular type; press events in bold.

4:00 pm Escort from press briefing room for those interested in covering press preview.

4:10 pm Press preview of the table settings for the Official Dinner in the East Room (OPEN PRESS)

6:40 pm Escort from briefing room for those interested in covering the arrival of Premier Zhu Rongji and Madame Lao.

6:55 pm Escort from briefing room for those interested in covering the arrival of guests attending the Official Dinner. Note: Press covering the guest arrivals will not be able to cover the arrival of Premier Zhu Rongji and Madame Lao An.

7:15 pm His Excellency Zhu Rongji, Premier of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China, and Madame Lao An arrive at the White House North Portico and are met by President and Mrs. Clinton. (OPEN PRESS)

7:35 pm Escort of in-house press pool from briefing room White House Grand Foyer for the announcement of the President and Mrs. Clinton and Premier Zhu Rongji and Madame Lao An and receiving line.

7:50 pm Announcement of the President and Mrs. Clinton and Premier Zhu Rongji and receiving line in Grand Foyer outside the Blue Room. (IN-HOUSE POOL ONLY)

8:35 pm The White House in-house press pool covering the receiving line will hold in the Grand Foyer while the President and Mrs. Clinton, and Premier Zhu Rongji and Madame Lao An take their seats in the East Room.
8:45 pm  Toast by President Clinton  
Toast by Premier Zhu Rongji  
(IN-HOUSE POOL ONLY)

Note: At the conclusion of the toasts, members of the press pool will be escorted back to the briefing room.

9:40 pm  The White House in-house pool covering the entertainment segment of the Official Dinner will be escorted from the White House briefing room to the East Room.

10:15 pm  Entertainment begins. (Television lights will be up for the President’s remarks only.) (IN-HOUSE POOL ONLY)

10:30 pm  White House press pool members covering the departure of Premier Zhu Rongji and Madame Lao will be escorted to the North Portico from the press briefing room.

10:45 pm  The entertainment concludes. President Clinton makes closing remarks. Following his remarks, President and Mrs. Clinton will escort Premier Zhu Rongji and Madame Lao An to the North Portico for their departure.  
(REMARKS: IN-HOUSE POOL ONLY.  
DEPARTURE: OPEN PRESS).

10:50 pm  The White House press pool members covering the entertainment and remarks will be escorted back to the White House briefing room.

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Washington, D.C. -- On Thursday, April 8, the First Lady will participate in an announcement of “The Vikings: The North Atlantic Saga”, one of the centerpieces of the Smithsonian’s millennium celebration. The show will open at the Natural History Museum on April 29, 2000 and later that year will begin a two-year tour of the United States and Canada. This exhibit is being created in partnership with the White House Millennium Council.

**EVENT:** Announcement of the Smithsonian’s “Vikings: The North Atlantic Saga” Exhibit at the Natural History Museum

**TIME:** 3:00 p.m.

**DATE:** April 8, 1999

**LOCATION:** National Museum of Natural History / Baird Auditorium

Smithsonian Institution

10th Street and Constitution Avenues, N.W.

Washington, D.C.

**Press Notes**

Open press. Lighting and a mult are provided. 75' throw. Street parking. On-site contact is Leigh Flores.

Pre-set: 11:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m.

Final access: 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** The First Lady will also attend events surrounding the official visit of his Excellency Zhu Rongji, Premier of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China. Please refer to the President’s press schedule for details.

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Today at the White House, President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will host a roundtable with working women and business leaders to discuss the need to ensure that every working American receives equal pay and equal opportunity. A recent report of the President’s Council of Economic Advisors found that, although the gap between women’s and men’s wages has narrowed substantially since the signing of the Equal Pay Act in 1963, there still exists a significant wage gap that cannot be explained by differences between male and female workers in labor market experience and in the occupation, industry, and union status of jobs they hold.

The President will reiterate his call for prompt passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would strengthen wage discrimination laws and provide for additional training and public education efforts on equal pay. The President also will announce that Senator Tom Daschle, the chief sponsor of the Paycheck Fairness Act, will include a new data collection provision in the bill. That provision will direct the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) to: (1) determine what additional data is needed to enforce the federal wage discrimination laws effectively and efficiently, and (2) issue a regulation to provide for collecting this data. Finally, the President will urge Congress to provide the $14 million he requested for the Equal Pay Initiative in his Fiscal Year 2000 budget.

Paycheck Fairness Act with New Data Collection Provision

The President again will urge Congress to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, legislation introduced by Senator Tom Daschle and Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, which would strengthen laws prohibiting wage discrimination. The legislation will be reintroduced with a new data collection provision added. This legislation includes:

New Pay Data Collection Provision. This provision would require the EEOC to
complete a survey of data currently available for use in enforcing federal wage discrimination laws and to identify additional data collections that would enhance enforcement of these laws. In addition, the provision would call upon the EEOC to determine the most effective and efficient means possible to collect pay information from employers and issue a regulation, within eighteen months, to collect pay data identified by the race, sex, and national origin of employees.

Increased Penalties for the Equal Pay Act (EPA). The legislation would provide full compensatory and punitive damages as remedies for equal pay violations, in addition to the liquidated damages and back-pay awards currently available under the EPA. This proposal would put gender-based wage discrimination on an equal footing with wage discrimination based on race or ethnicity, for which uncapped compensatory and punitive damages are already available.

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**Non-Retaliation Provision.** The bill would prohibit employers from punishing employees for sharing salary information with their co-workers. Many employers are currently free to take action against employees who share wage information. Without the ability to learn about wage disparities, it is difficult for employees to evaluate whether there is wage discrimination.

**Training, Research, and Pay Equity Award.** The bill would provide for increased training for EEOC employees to identify and respond to wage discrimination claims; research on discrimination in the payment of wages; and the establishment of an award to recognize and promote the achievements of employers in eliminating pay disparities.

**Equal Pay Initiative**

Previously, the President announced a new $14 million Equal Pay Initiative as part of his Fiscal Year 2000 budget. The initiative includes $10 million for the EEOC to increase compliance with equal pay laws by providing training to EEOC employees to identify and respond to wage discrimination, increasing technical assistance to businesses on how to meet legal requirements, and launching an equal pay public service announcement campaign to inform employers and employees alike of their rights and responsibilities. The initiative also includes $4 million for the Department of Labor, primarily for a program to assist contractors in recruiting and retaining qualified women in non-traditional occupations.

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WHITE HOUSE EASTER EGG ROLL
SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1999

Washington, D.C. -- The White House will hold its annual Easter Egg Roll on Monday, April 5, 1999. The Easter festivities include an Easter Egg Roll for children aged 3 - 6, story-telling, historical re-enactments, musical performances, and other entertainment. Activities will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on the South Lawn and the Ellipse.

The Easter Egg Roll has been an American tradition since the mid-19th century. The celebration, begun on the Capitol grounds, was moved to the White House's South Lawn in 1878 by Lucy Hayes, wife of President Rutherford B. Hayes. Approximately 30,000 children and families are expected to participate in the Easter activities.

This year, the Easter Egg Roll will highlight Prescription for Reading, an innovative effort to emphasize the importance of reading to children. Based on recent research showing that reading to children in their first years of life enhances their healthy development, in January 1997 First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton called on booksellers, publishers, libraries, hospitals, pediatricians, health centers and others to work together to make sure that infants and toddlers who come to the doctor have access to books and are read to regularly. In response to Mrs. Clinton's challenge, the Prescription for Reading Partnership was born to coordinate and build on existing efforts to "prescribe" reading for children. As part of this initiative, children and families at the 1999 White House Easter Egg Roll will receive "Prescriptions for Reading" signed by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Surgeon General David Satcher. Families will be able to "fill" these prescriptions on the White House South Lawn for a free book donated by Scholastic, Inc., a key member of the Prescription for Reading Partnership.

As in years past, Administration officials and celebrities also will promote reading by participating in story telling with children during the Easter festivities. Administration officials reading aloud from their favorite books include: Attorney General Janet Reno, who will read Janet, Queen of the Bunny Planet; and White House Chief of Staff John Podesta, who will read Dawn and the Round-To-It. Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater, Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman, Surgeon General David Satcher, and U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky, will also join in reading books to children. Celebrity storytellers include Jamie Lee Curtis, who will read her own children's book, Today I Feel Silly, and Other Moods That Make My Day.

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Easter 1999 at the White House also features traditional egg rolls and egg dying. Dressed in period costume, actors portraying such historical figures as George Washington, Teddy Roosevelt, Abigail Adams and Benjamin Bannecker will perform on the South Lawn. Woodrow the White House Mouse and official White House Bunnies will roam the lawn, greeting the children and enjoying the festivities. Embassies from around the world are creating displays to demonstrate how springtime is celebrated in countries including Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Gambia, Greece, Iceland, Indonesia, Latvia, Poland, Slovakia, Sweden, and many more.

For the sixth year in a row, the White House Easter egg collection will be on exhibit in the East Colonnade of the White House. The collection, which features real eggs decorated by artists from each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, was introduced by Mrs. Clinton as part of the White House Easter Egg Roll in 1994. Coordinated by the American Egg Board, different artists from around the country are invited each year to create an egg for the collection which is on display for three weeks prior to Easter and through the Easter Monday activities.

In addition, the creations of master pastry chefs will be on display on the South Lawn. Just returning home from the World Cup of Pastry in Lyon, France where they competed with 18 other nations, the silver-medal winning U.S. Team will display eight of their magnificent pastry creations in celebration of the Easter holiday.

This year's official White House Easter Egg Roll poster was designed by Susan Loy of Moneta, Virginia, a professional artist and calligrapher. The Easter 1999 program cover was created by Patricia Palermino, an internationally acclaimed folk artist, from Mt. Vernon, Virginia.

Tickets are required for the South Lawn Easter Egg Roll activities, and can be picked up at the Visitor's Pavilion on the Ellipse on Monday, April 5. Distribution of tickets will begin at approximately 7 a.m. One person can request up to six tickets, but one of these tickets must be used by a child between the ages of 3 and 6. The South Lawn will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are not required for activities on the Ellipse, which will feature music and complimentary snacks such as juice, fruit, doughnuts, Peeps, shortbread and other treats.
WHITE HOUSE EASTER EGG ROLL:

DATE: Monday, April 5, 1999

TIME: 7:00 a.m. Ticket distribution begins at Ellipse Visitor's Pavilion

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Festivities on the South Lawn

LOCATION: The White House
South Lawn

PRESS NOTE: There will be pool coverage of the President's and First Lady's remarks at the beginning of the event. Members of the press who are not White House press pass holders who wish to cover the event should contact the First Lady's Press Office at 202-456-2960.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Every person going on the South Lawn will need a ticket. Tickets will have a time printed on them indicating the time each guest should enter the South Lawn. To accommodate the festivities, E Street between 15th and 17th Streets will be closed. As parking is severely limited, people are encouraged to use public transportation. In case of inclement weather, all events are canceled and are not rescheduled. (The event will only be canceled for very heavy rain or thunderstorms, and will continue through light showers.) For additional information, members of the public can call the White House Visitor's Office 24-Hour Public Events Line at 202-456-7041.

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HARD-BOILED FACTS ABOUT THE
WHITE HOUSE EASTER EGG ROLL

• There will be 25,000 wooden eggs distributed at this year’s event. The wooden eggs feature a silhouette of the White House with children playing on the lawn, and includes the signatures of the President and First Lady.

• There will be 7,200 hard-boiled eggs used for the Egg Roll. The eggs are dyed by the White House chef. An additional 2,500 eggs are cooked for the egg-decorating activities.

• Nearly 500 volunteers, from celebrities to local citizens, help to make the White House Easter Egg Roll a special event for the families who visit. This massive effort is coordinated through the White House Volunteers Office.

• In 1878, President Hayes and his wife Lucy officially moved the Easter activities from the Capitol grounds to the White House grounds. The Easter Egg Roll has taken place on the White House lawn every year since then, except during World War I and World War II, when it was held at the National Zoo and other Washington locations.

• In order to accommodate more families attending Easter Monday activities, the President and Mrs. Clinton expanded the festivities from the South Lawn to the Ellipse in 1993.

• President Clinton is the first President to consistently attend the Easter Egg Roll.

• Adults must be accompanied by a child age 3 to 6 years to enter the White House South Lawn. All persons are required to have a ticket.

• American Sign Language interpreters are available for both the South Lawn and the Ellipse activities. Signs at the gates direct hearing-impaired families to these services.

• Each year the President and Mrs. Clinton invite groups of children with special needs to enjoy the Easter Egg Roll before the lawn opens to the public. This year they welcome many families organizations such as Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation, Easter Seals, Grant-a-Wish Foundation, Special Olympics of Maryland, Children’s National Medical Center, and Make-A-Wish.

• In the event of heavy rain or thunderstorms, Easter Egg Roll events will be canceled and not rescheduled.

• Wooden Easter eggs are available for purchase at various kiosks and gift shops. The shop closest to the White House is the Visitor Pavilion at the Ellipse, south of the White House. To order wooden Easter eggs by phone, call 800-273-5071.

• Look for more information on the White House web site at www.whitehouse.gov.

• For additional information, members of the public should call the White House Visitors Office 24-Hour Public Events Line at 202-456-7041.

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Performers at the 1999 White House Easter Egg Roll

BATTERSBY DUO (Florida)

Award winning musical comedy for children and families. High energy with a
dose of fun. With over 400 songs to their credit, they have been nominated
and have won many awards over the past fifteen years. This will be the fifth
year that they are performing at Easter at the White House.

BETTY DEBMAN (D.C.)

Betty is the author of "A Kid's Guide to the White House" which provides
children an entertaining and educational tour of the President's House.
Readers will find fun facts, history and other fascinating stories about the
White House. Betty is also the creator of the The Mini Page, one of the most
successful syndicated children's features appearing in newspapers.

BILL BARKER (Virginia)

In the mid 1980's, Bill Barker developed a one-man show in which he portrayed
Thomas Jefferson. In the years, he has developed a series of Jefferson
presentations and in the spring of 1993, came to Colonial Williamsburg to
portray Thomas Jefferson in a film to honor Ambassador and Mrs. Walter H.
Annenberg. He has remained at Colonial Williamsburg and has assisted in the
development of further Jefferson programs.

BILL GORDH (New York)

Popular and unique children's recording artist, Bill Gordh combines
engrossing stories with song. Bill has over 30 articles that have been
published about storytelling and music. His latest award he won is the
Lingonberry Music title Bill Gordh's Watermelon Patch. This will be the
second year that Bill is performing at the White House.

BITS TROUPE (Ohio)

Professional actors, young and old, use songs and stories to
perform fables and fairytales. Audience members share the spotlight with
these energetic performers.

CATHY & MARCI (Maryland)

Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer have been entertaining children with music from
their award-winning children's album's since 1981. Cathy & Marcy bring fun,
upbeat and participatory music to their audience. They tour all around the
country performing for families and have received many awards and credits
including a 1999 Grammy Award nomination.
CHARLET FAYE (D.C.)

Author of Feather Dusted Easter, Charlet brings her recently published story about the festival to Easter at the White House using appealing and original characters.

CHAZ ROUGH (Kentucky)

Chaz is nationally known as The Unity Guy and has been entertaining children and adults with his original songs and live acoustic guitar for over 15 years. Chaz is also the author of the children's book, "The Book of Unity" which promotes the idea of opening people's minds to racial and environmental harmony. He is currently working on a second book.

CHERYL BARNES (D.C.)

Cheryl is the Illustrator of the popular children's book, "Woodrow, the White House Mouse." Her husband, Peter, is the Author of this book. Together they have eight published books set in special or historic places. The character, Woodrow has appeared with Mrs. Barnes at the White House Easter Egg Roll and has been immensely popular.

DAVID GROVER AND THE BIG BEAR BAND (New York)

After many years in the "adult" music world, David Grover became involved in writing and performing children's music. David is also the creator of Grover's Corners, a PBS television show teaching children about music. Grover's television shows and songs have won him numerous honors and awards including an Emmy nomination for Best Children and Youth Special.

GOULD & STEARNS (Vermont)

Stephen Stearns and Peter Gould perform as the zany "Gould & Stearns." Together they give hilarious performances of mime, music, story telling, and comedy. Their collaboration has yielded over 2,000 performances, including hundreds of schools.

IRENE SMALLS (Massachusetts)

Irene Small is an author and storyteller. Irene writes children's books telling stories from her childhood in Harlem in the 50's, as well as books about her children. On stage children dance, sing, and chant while she goes through some of her books. Ms. Small is a graduate of Cornell University and has an MBA from New York University.

JIM WEISS (Virginia)

Jim Weiss is an award winning storyteller and recording artist. He has starred as host and storyteller in a PBS television pilot that has been awarded a Northern California Emmy for Best Children's Show. Mr. Weiss has also performed at the White House Easter celebration.
MARC ROGERS (Virginia)
Mr. Rogers will present The Great Nest of Life which is an interactive sculpture that promotes community. He also stages Classical and Contemporary Dances with themes relating to Spring, Rebirth, and Renewal.

ODDS BODKIN-MIL (Pennsylvania)
Odds Bodkin is an award winning children's author and storyteller. Parent's Magazine describes him as "a storyteller supreme." Bodkin uses over 100 character voices and original music performed on 12-string guitars, Celtic harps, pipes, piano and other instruments.

PHILIP CHETWYND (D.C.)
Mr. Chetwynd portrays President Abraham Lincoln. He makes over 40 appearances and performances a year. Mr. Chetwynd has been a devoted scholar of Lincoln since his childhood. He is a charter member of the Association of Lincoln Presenters.

RAMONA KING (Texas)
Ramona King is a dramatic artist and storyteller. In addition to telling folktales she shares her original songs, poems, and stories. Ms. King is a member of the National Association of Black Storytellers, the National Storytelling Association, and the Houston Storyteller's Guild.

REBECCA BLOOMFIELD (Illinois)
Rebecca Bloomfield is a classically trained actress. She has won a local Emmy for her work in children's television. Since 1989 Ms. Bloomfield has toured the United States as Abigail Adams. She has had performances at the White House Visitor's Center as well as the White House Easter Celebration.

TED ZALIEWSKI (Massachusetts)
Ted Zaliewski portrays the ever popular President Roosevelt in full costume.

SOL Y CANTO (New Hampshire)
The Sol Y Canto is an exuberant Latin musical ensemble headed by Rosi and Brian Amador. Bilingual and multicultural, Sol Y Canto music features upbeat Latin American and Caribbean dance and folkloric rhythms.

JOHN SWARTZ (Ohio)
John Swartz entertains as General George Washington. He appears in authentic colonial uniform. Mr. Swartz is a published author. He has appeared on television as General Washington on the Learning Station.