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REMARKS BY THE FIRST LADY
INTERVIEW WITH MARION BURROS, THE NEW YORK TIMES

Q When we talked before, we talked about the role of a modern woman: married, children, work, planning parties. Do you feel that that's where you're at now with all of this. You've got all of this really important work to do but you're still the one that is responsible for planning the parties?

MRS. CLINTON: I know, but I think it's fun. You know, the chance to bring people together and eat with them and entertain them and talk. I love that so it's just for me a kind of extra added benefit that I get to do it. I've never had an opportunity to have such wonderful help to plan wonderful parties, even though this one was on a pretty fast track. It was already scheduled before we came. I mean, it's only 10 days and we're having our first, you know, dinner. So that's a little bit daunting, but I'm looking forward to it.

Q How involved have you been in the preparations for this?

MRS. CLINTON: Pretty involved.

Q Yeah?

MRS. CLINTON: Yeah, yeah. I mean, I've got wonderful help. Ann I think is terrific. But the staff here is great; it's so professional. But, you know, we want to put our own identity or stamp on what happens at the White House now. I think that part of what people are excited about when they look at my husband is that he is fresh and new and energetic. But we want to keep what's the best of the traditions and try to bring some new ideas and new ways of doing things. Maybe slightly different menus; different kinds of events, in addition to the more traditional ones.

Q Well, now for this dinner, were you involved in selecting the flowers?

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MRS. CLINTON: Yes. Well, I wanted spring flowers. And the tulips are -- I love tulips, so I'm happy about that.

Q And were you involved in the menu?

MRS. CLINTON: Very much so.

Q And how?

MRS. CLINTON: Well, Ann and I worked together. We got suggestions from both the chef here, as well as people from around the country. We're trying to get a "kitchen cabinet," so to speak, of people who will -- I don't care for any right now, thank you -- who will advise us about new menus, new ideas, kind of keep us up to date about what a lot of the American chefs are doing around the country. And so I had asked Ann right after I hired to start reaching out to a lot of those people.

Q What would you like?

MRS. CLINTON: Tea?

Q Tea would be fine. Thank you.

MRS. CLINTON: Could I have a glass of water, too, James?

And so she started calling and a couple of people have talked to me. And so we went through a couple of different menu ideas. And we're going to do some experimenting, see what works. But we really -- we wanted to have, especially for the governors, I mean, we wanted to have an American menu and American wines, we're going to have American entertainment. You know, just try to kind of sustain the feeling of the Inaugural and (inaudible) the sense of possibility that is presented.

Q When you say your "kitchen cabinet," are you talking about people like Alice Waters? Have you been in touch with them?

MRS. CLINTON: Have we reached Alice?

ANNE: We haven't reached Alice yet, but we will.

BY MS. BURROS:

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Q Well, who are some of the people that you have reached?

MRS. CLINTON: Larry Fortuoni in Los Angeles.

Q Larry Fortuoni.

MRS. CLINTON: John (inaudible).

Q That's a fascinating idea.

MRS. CLINTON: Yeah. You know, kind of what's fun for us is to try to incorporate as many people as we can in what goes on in the White House. And asking people for their advice and ideas, whether it's about policy or food, is a way to give even more people a feeling of inclusion. And besides, you get good ideas. I mean, there is a lot of exciting work being done in American food that we want to try to showcase. And we'll get better at it as we go along. We are under a real tight time constraint at dinner. But, you know, I'm excited about it.

Q Will you expect to always have American menus?

MRS. CLINTON: No. I think we'll be creative but we wanted to start with -- I mean, we want to rely extensively on American menus and the best of American cooking and the best of American foodstuffs. But we are also interested in what goes on around the world and want to be open to that as well.

Q What about American wines? Will you always use American wines?

MRS. CLINTON: Yeah, we would prefer to. If there is an occasion where that is not the best choice, then, you know, we're not rigid.

Q How about, now in this particular dinner, it's pretty much preordained who is going to be here?

MRS. CLINTON: That's right. In fact, what I realized is when we began to look at the guest list is that when all the governors come, that's pretty much the guest list.

Q That's it?

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MRS. CLINTON: Yeah.

Q You couldn't have any friends or --

MRS. CLINTON: Not really, no.

Q You had cabinet people coming?

MRS. CLINTON: But not all of them.

Q No?

MRS. CLINTON: We could not even fit all the cabinet people in.

Q But when it comes to how you're going to mix in the future, are you going to mix cabinet and congressional and --

MRS. CLINTON: And friends and notable --

Q -- friends? Borders?

MRS. CLINTON: Well, maybe. I have to give a lot of thought to that.

Q I'm sure.

MRS. CLINTON: Not in your case, but in general. But, you know, we really want to have it a good mix of people we know, people we would like to know, people we've heard about, people who are interesting and exciting and doing notable activities. That's something that we are going to have to really give some time to.

But we also want to have the opportunity for less formal entertainment as well, because several people have told me that one of the most meaningful events they could imagine would be to attend something at the White House with their children. And those are not the usual kinds of events that go on in a more formal setting, so we're going to be looking for opportunities for people to come with families to the White House. Well, I know that one of the governors is bringing his granddaughter, at least that was the last I heard.

ANNE: You know, actually (inaudible).

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MRS. CLINTON: Did he change?

ANNE: Mm-hmm.

BY MS. BURROS:

Q Oh, okay. Because I was going to ask you if you were going to have your daughter come?

MRS. CLINTON: No, no, no. She's not interested.

Q Oh, you're not interested in having her?

MRS. CLINTON: She's not interested. She heard about the dinner and she said, "Mom, do I have to go?"

And I said, "No."

And she went, "Yes!" She was just saying exactly what you would expect her to say.

Q Were you in the selection of the tablecloths, as well?

MRS. CLINTON: Mm-hmm. We tried out two different colored overclothes, actually.

Q What about the seating? Does your husband ever get involved in that?

MRS. CLINTON: Well, this is our first time.

Q Okay.

MRS. CLINTON: I mean, at the governor's mansion in Arkansas he occasionally did.

Q Yeah?

MRS. CLINTON: Yes.

Q "I don't want to sit next to that person?"

MRS. CLINTON: No. More like, "I haven't seen so-and-so, and I'd like to sit next to him." Or, "You know, so-and-so said he had something he really wanted to talk to me about, so let's move him around a little." But for this one,

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there is a protocol that goes for these governors' dinners. You know, the various heads of the committees and the people who hold positions and are bipartisan. So I don't know that there is a lot of selecting going on; there's not a lot of planning.

Q The Bushes started the tradition of allowing the vice-presidential couple to invite a couple?

MRS. CLINTON: Oh.

Q That's not something you would --

MRS. CLINTON: I've never heard of it before. I mean, that's a nice idea.

ANNE: They invited three couples.

MRS. CLINTON: I just learned about it also.

BY MS. BURROS:

Q Have you met the chef?

MRS. CLINTON: Yes, I did.

Q And did you meet the pastry chef?

MRS. CLINTON: Yes, I met him.

Q He is a very frightening man. He makes the most gorgeous --

MRS. CLINTON: Ah, I can't wait. I mean, the things that I've heard about, and we're excited about the dessert for Sunday. I mean, everybody tells me these wild stories about him, so I'm looking forward to spending more time around him.

Q Do you have any thoughts about changing the chef?

MRS. CLINTON: We don't know enough to make, you know, any decision like that.

Q Now, do you have a chef for upstairs yet? Is there somebody here?

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MRS. CLINTON: No. I think the food is always made in the main kitchen and sent up.

Q And sent up?

MRS. CLINTON: Yeah.

Q And how about what have you thought of what you've had so far of the food here?

MRS. CLINTON: I like it, I like it. We have also stocked the kitchen upstairs with things that we like and have, you know, put more a family stamp on what's up there. And we've told them the kinds of things we like to eat, and I've been pleased. We've had healthy --

Q No cookies in the cupboard?

MRS. CLINTON: We don't have any cookies in the cupboards, but we have had a few terrific desserts. But we have then asked that they go ahead and leave what's left in the upstairs kitchen for awhile. Our whole family is only now living, so we have been -- this whole inaugural week is only now --

Q Coming to an end?

MRS. CLINTON: Yeah, yeah.

Q Are you going to be serving hard liquor at the White House?

MRS. CLINTON: Not at the dinners but at some events we will, sure.

Q Before dinner, well, there will be?

MRS. CLINTON: Well, yeah.

Q How about before this dinner?

MRS. CLINTON: I think so. Are we -- hard liquor before this dinner?

ANNE: Yes.

MRS. CLINTON: Yes, mm-hmm. I mean, that's fine

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with me.

BY MS. BURROS:

Q Well, we had been told that you didn't want -- I don't mean you, but the Clintons did not want hard liquor at the Inaugural.

MRS. CLINTON: Not at big, mob events, I don't believe in that. I don't think that's smart. And we had no incidents the whole Inaugural week.

Q No, you're right.

MRS. CLINTON: None. There were not even any arrests on the mall. So I was really relieved and pleased.

Q You said you're going to do some things differently. Have you done any thing differently for this dinner yet that is at all out of --

MRS. CLINTON: You know, how would we characterized what we've done Ann, whether we've done anything differently or not?

ANNE: I think probably not on this one, but I think that you've mentioned some ideas of things that you want to do, that we're talking about and trying to figure out.

MRS. CLINTON: I haven't really had enough planning time.

ANNE: This has been very quick.

MRS. CLINTON: Yes. This has been overspeed for us.

BY MS. BURROS:

Q Well, can you give me an idea of some of the things, the thoughts that you've had about things that you might like to do?

MRS. CLINTON: Let us develop them a little bit more. Because, you know, we want to make the White House, we want to combine the best of the traditional values, formal.

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entertaining, with more informal family-oriented events. We want to be able to have some creative ways of using different parts of the house.

You know, one thing that -- Chelsea had a party already which was a kind of historical scavenger hunt for a lot of kids who learned a lot about the house by going around the house. And they had to find clues like, you know, go to the room where it's sometimes said a ghost has been seen. And, you know, we're trying to make the house, the whole house, usable. And then we want to use the grounds. But, you know, we're still in the preliminary planning phases about all that.

Q In other words, using the downstairs, as well as the family quarters?

MRS. CLINTON: Yeah. For our personal entertaining and then, you know, different kinds of more public or formal entertaining.

Q You didn't do anything different about the table arrangements for this or anything different about the toasts? That's all going to be --

MRS. CLINTON: The traditional toast, where the chairman of the Governors Association toasts the President and the President responds. That's what we're going to do.

Q All that is going to be the same?

MRS. CLINTON: Right.

Q So this dinner is essentially --

MRS. CLINTON: Now, we are doing something different with the entertainment.

Q All right.

MRS. CLINTON: You know, usually there is only one entertainer. We had such remarkable entertainers during Inaugural Week and some of the most extraordinary performances occurred down on the mall during the reunion on the mall, none of which Bill or Al or Tipper or I got to see because we were on a different kind of schedule. And we kept getting these reports back about these extraordinary,

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standing room only tents with Broadway and Hollywood performers.

So we've asked seven of the Broadway performers to come back and do a reprise of what they did on the mall for the governors -- and also for us so we get to see them. So we have seven performers, including Carol Channing and Jim Naughton and Barbara Cook. You know, and it's an American program, American songs. We think, actually, that every state or city within the 50 states will be in some way mentioned or referred to by this performance. And so it's more of a show than some of the single performers in the past.

Q Is it going to be longer?

MRS. CLINTON: It's only thirty minutes. No, about 30 minutes.

Q And you're sticking to one hour for dinner and --

MRS. CLINTON: Trying to, yes. But we'll see. I mean, I'm not, you know, I'm not going to push it.

Q When we talked in Little Rock, you were talking about using the house, having people come into the house for like an all-day meeting or forum, whatever. Do you still have that idea?

MRS. CLINTON: Sure, yeah. Yeah, we sure do. You know, that's something else we're thinking about. And then, of course, you know, the day after the swearing in we did the open house, which was something that we very much wanted to do. And, actually, we will look for ways to repeat every so often, to give Americans a chance to feel a part of the White House. That was an extraordinary event: moving, inspiring, exhilarating, funny.

So I think that, you know, from the very first day my husband became President, he has tried to think of ways to open up the White House, and we're going to keep doing that. You know, the day after the parade, after the float with the choirs broke down, we invited in the group that had been on that float. They had brake failure. You know, it was so moving. We had them perform out here in the marble foyer.

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There were several members of Congress who said they had been in the house many times before, but they have never seen anything quite like that. It was sort of spontaneous, not overly planned, an overly formal event. It had just a real spirit and sweetness to it. So we're going to look for all kinds of ways to do that.

Q So you want it to be very open as it possibly can under the circumstances?

MRS. CLINTON: Yeah. As it possibly can, right.

Q Now, as far as your husband's diet is concerned, well, since you are now -- well, of course, he won't be going out for meals the way he did before.

MRS. CLINTON: Well, don't hold your breath.
(Laughter.)

MRS. CLINTON: I wouldn't take a total bet on that, which is the way you can figure that out.

BY MS. BURROS:

Q He'll sneak out?

MRS. CLINTON: Yep.

Q But possibly with you and you'll be there to watch.

MRS. CLINTON: Well, it's not always a pleasant sight, controlling him.

Q But this is one thing one can never control with husbands.

MRS. CLINTON: I try. You know, as long as he's healthy. I mean, he's so healthy. I mean, he goes and has his physical checkups and they tell him he's healthy and he has no cholesterol problems and he's got great stamina. I'm not going to worry about that.

Q But I know you're interested in more healthful food.

MRS. CLINTON: Well, we do our best. You know,

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he's actually -- he gets an unfair rap. I have to defend my husband. You know, an occasional trip to a fastfood restaurant is not the worst of all possible sins.

Q No.

MRS. CLINTON: And he does -- you know, he eats pretty healthy most of the times.

Q He does?

MRS. CLINTON: Yeah.

Q He really does eat broccoli?

MRS. CLINTON: Yeah. Oh, I mean, we are big broccoli eaters. I mean, broccoli is back in the White House, I must tell you. Yeah, we eat a lot of vegetables and a lot of fiber and a lot of fruit. So we'll keep doing that.

Q You had said to me -- as a matter of fact, I have a transcript of it now -- because I turned over some of my notes to Donnie Radcliff, I must tell you, hoping that you're going to let her do the book, if anybody does the book about you. And I don't mean to -- it's none of my business. I just want to put one word in for her, because I've known her for 30 years.

MRS. CLINTON: She's nice.

Q Not only is she very nice, but she's the fairest reporter that I've ever met. And that's all I have to say on the subject. At any rate, she transcribed the notes so that it was easy for me to look back at them. And when we were talking about the times you had been to the White House, you talked about the fairy tale quality of having come here.

MRS. CLINTON: Oh, right.

Q So how does it feel to be on the inside instead of just coming --

MRS. CLINTON: Well, I'm still getting used to the idea. The house is so beautiful. And every American should be proud of the White House, regardless of what they might feel at any moment about, you know, who lives there. It is such a beautiful house and it's, well, well-run and

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maintained, and it's history every where.

I mean, everywhere you turn you see some wonderful piece of art, or you're reminded of an event that took place in the room that you're in. I just wander around -- don't I -- just kind of gawking. No, we are not at all used to it yet. You know, part of it is that we feel so strongly about the country and always have that to be part of this now is overwhelming to us. So I just hope that we can convey some sense of that to people so that they feel part of it with us.

Q So you will have the strings, of course?

MRS. CLINTON: Oh, of course. I love the strings. I mean, I wish everyone who came to a White House dinner would not even know about them before they came so that it could -- like, because I didn't know the first time I ever came. You know, it just took my breath away it was so stunning.

The conductor of the Marine Band that plays during dinner and afterwards loves to talk to Bill about music. I mean, they are always comparing. And this has gone on for years, even before he became President, obviously. But when we had, for example, the little gathering for the kids who were on the float that broke down, they came out and played. It was, you know -- and he was talking to Bill about the things he had seen him playing on the saxophone, was he going to try this piece, and all that. So the music is a real big part of this. Oh, I love it, yes.

Q The -- I forgot what I was going to say. Isn't that wonderful?

MRS. CLINTON: We're also trying to make the White House nonsmoking.

Q Oh, that's the headlines. Well, I mean, you have complete control?

MRS. CLINTON: Well, we did it at the governor's mansion in Little Rock, and it took some people some adjusting. We tried not to be too harsh about it, but we would not let anyone smoke in the house. And I feel the same way about this house. I feel even more strongly because, you know, the atmosphere here, the age of the house, the furnishings, in addition to the big issue about health. It's

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so paramount to me that I just don't think we should permit smoking.

Q Will you give them a room where they can go, or they're going to have to walk outside?

MRS. CLINTON: I think they will have to walk outside. That's what we're planning on now.

Q Fantastic. There was one other thing I wanted to ask you, and then I know you have a thousand things to do. And I can't find it.

Let's go back for one minute to this role of the modern woman. I even hate to bring up the cookies. The piece that we had in "The Times" the other day, Michael Kelly's piece, did you read it about, you know, first you're discussing health care and then you're doing the traditional First Lady things by going to the school?

MRS. CLINTON: Oh, yeah. When I went to New York, yeah.

Q When you went to New York.

MRS. CLINTON: Personally, I don't have any -- I can't see why people even bring this up. Women do this every day, and not just women in my position. Millions and millions of women who balance work responsibilities and family responsibilities.

Every woman who gets up in the morning and gets breakfast for her family and goes off to a job of any sort where she assumes a different role for the hours that she is at work, but who runs out at lunch to, you know, buy material to make a costume for her daughter or buy invitations for a party that she is going to have, and then after work goes and picks up her children and then comes home and, you know, maybe goes out with her husband.

I mean, you know, our lives are a mixture of all these different roles. And I am still always a little bit amazed at how big an issue it is for people. Because if they will just stop and think, it is what women do. Women have always balanced, whether they worked inside the home or outside the home.

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I think it's going to be something that eventually will be worked out in each individual's life, and we will each do the best we can to balance all of our responsibilities, and it won't be subject for a lot of comments.

Q Eventually?

MRS. CLINTON: Eventually.

Q You hope?

MRS. CLINTON: Well, I expect. I mean, you know, I have no doubt about that, but I think we're still in a transition phase.

Q Very much so. You said to me the other day, and I felt that it was off the record, so I asked you if you would care to make the same comment again or let me use it. You said you were concerned about -- you were worried a little bit about it because it was your first.

MRS. CLINTON: Oh, the dinner?

Q Yeah.

MRS. CLINTON: Well, I'll say on the record that, you know, I really want people to have a good time when they come to the White House. I want them to feel that this is their house, because it is. So until we have a chance to get in and figure out how the system works and make sure that we do things the way we're comfortable with, I'm going to be learning. And I think that's all part of it.

Q Are you going to do any food tastings? Will you taste?

MRS. CLINTON: Yes. Actually, I talked to the chef about that today. You know, we're going to be tasting things over the next couple of weeks that might be possible entrees or desserts, appetizers for dinners to come.

Q You know, I think it might be a good idea to try them out.

MRS. CLINTON: That's right, exactly. To see what it tastes like.

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Q How does he feel about having input from elsewhere about his menus?

MRS. CLINTON: I don't know. I think that, you know, Ann has worked with him and he seems to be, you know, interested in them. But I think that anyone who works with or around my husband knows that he values a lot of different points of view and different ideas and that cuts across every area that I can imagine. You know, we always think there's a better idea out there, and we're open to it and we want to include people. And we like people around us who feel that way to.

Q You know that Alice Waters -- I don't know whether you were aware of that little brouhaha because you had other things on your mind at the time about you ought to have an American -- well, somebody who did American things. It came out in some headlines that it was an American chef, but that wasn't what they said. But that you ought to be -- you ought to use local ingredients and you ought to use things that were minimally processed with pesticides and, you know, organic wherever possible. Is this something that's even in your --

MRS. CLINTON: Well, I mean, I admire Alice Waters a lot. I mean, I think she's been a breakthrough figure in American cuisine in both the kind of food that she has prepared and the positions that she has taken. I think that what she says makes a lot of sense. You know, we believe in -- I think from the very beginning I said we believe in American food, American ingredients, American wine. We're just going to do the best we can.

You know, Washington, D.C., is not a market I'm familiar with yet. You know, we don't know a lot about where to buy things, and we have security concerns that other people don't have. So there are a lot of issues we have to contend with, but we're trying to move toward healthy, fresh, American food, American wines, a kind of American identity for what we do here.

Q Do you think the pesticide issue is an important issue?

MRS. CLINTON: I think it sure is, yeah. But again, it's very hard sometimes to find out, you know, how it's applied. You know, we'll just have to look into all of

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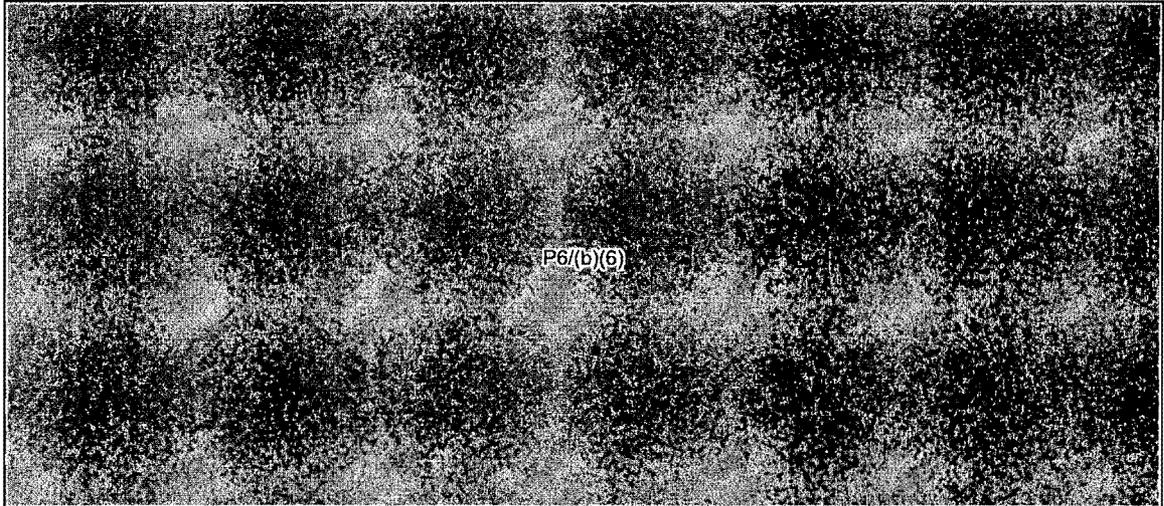
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that, yes.

Q Well, if I can be of any help in that department --



MRS. CLINTON: We are really seeking it, because we want to do things that make people happy and proud about what we're doing. It's going to take awhile to kind of figure it out and how to do it right, but we're going to have a lot of fun doing it.

Q I suspect you will figure out how to do it in short order.

MRS. CLINTON: We're going to have a good time. So far we've had a good time.

Q Yeah?

MRS. CLINTON: Oh, yeah.

Q Even on this fast track?

ANNE: You can help out with food tasting, especially dessert.

MRS. CLINTON: Describe our dessert for Sunday night -- which you'll get to see because you're going to hang out with the chef.

ANNE: You're going to go down and see him, but it

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is an apple tureen with apple sherbet and a cider pot. And you know how he draws all kinds of diagrams? But when you look at that diagram, it was like, "Wow!" You should see, he has three or four different things on a page.

MRS. CLINTON: The only thing I'm worried about is it's going to be like (inaudible).

(Simultaneous discussion.)

MRS. CLINTON: You're just going to roll right out of here. You will have to have a step ladder to stand up on it to get to it. We were laughing but it was like, "Who will roll out first? The dessert or us?"

BY MS. BURROS:

Q Well, you know the wedding cake for Lucy? No. Yeah, for Lucy Johnson was taller -- for Linda Byrd Johnson was taller, and she's tall, as you know.

A Yes, she is tall.

Q It was taller than she was and than what Rob was, and they had to get the little step ladder.

A I was only kidding about that. And, actually, we just settled on a wine from the Monticello area in Virginia.

Q Oh, you're using a Virginia wine?

A We're going to use a Virginia wine that seems to be good, and I'm excited about it. The woman, Mrs. Rogo? Rogo, Rogovine (phonetic).

ANNE: From Oakencoff (phonetic).

MRS. CLINTON: Yeah. But is that her name? Rogan?

ANNE: Rogan, Rogan. Was once married to a Roosevelt. I mean, you know, there's like a lot of nice connections sort of with the wine.

BY MS. BURROS:

Q This may be the first time that anybody has ever used --

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MRS. CLINTON: A Virginia wine?

Q -- a Virginia wine.

MRS. CLINTON: Hmm.

Q I don't know. That's entirely possible.

MRS. CLINTON: Hmm, could be. Yeah.

Q A very good wine consultant is Bill Plante.

MRS. CLINTON: Bill Plante from CBS?

Q Fabulous. He helped me get my wines for my daughter's wedding.

MRS. CLINTON: Call up and see if he's free.

Q Thank you a million.

MRS. CLINTON: So when you're going to get here. See, we have this terrible weekend. I mean, the other thing is that we have this retreat up at Camp David and I've got to now go to the funeral of a good friend of ours on Sunday and then I've got to get back here. I mean, it's going to be a very hectic weekend.

Q Oh, wow.

MRS. CLINTON: Yeah.

Q Where is the funeral?

MRS. CLINTON: Philadelphia.

Q Oh.

MRS. CLINTON: A good friend of ours died.

Q Suddenly?

MRS. CLINTON: Well, he was diagnosed with liver cancer about six months ago. So suddenly in the sense that it happened in a relatively short period of time, but inevitable once everybody knew what it was. But still he was -- I was telling Lisa and Ann that he had been really hanging

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on for the Inauguration.

Q Oh.

MRS. CLINTON: You know, I'd call him. He was one of these -- you know, sort of a typical man. I mean, you never heard word of complaint about -- from him or about his condition. So I'd call him and I'd say, "Well, how are you doing?"

And he'd say, "Well, I'm doing all right. But now, let me tell you I think you ought to be doing this and you ought to be doing that." All through the campaign, you know, he was always giving me all this advice. So I talked to his wife this morning and she said he really hung on for the Inaugural and he just got too weak to come. So that was that. We had sort of made special arrangements for him if he could get here. But anyway, I've got a lot to do before I entertain my guests Sunday night.

Q You sure do. Now, we are supposed to have a short, a very short, picture session?

MRS. CLINTON: Yes. Yeah, we're not sure exactly when it's going to be, but we'll figure it out.

Q Sometime between mm-hmm and hmm-hmm?

MRS. CLINTON: Right, exactly. Okay.

Q But not until the afternoon?

MRS. CLINTON: Oh, gosh, I'll bet I'm not back till 6:00 or 6:30. I mean, it will be the very last minute.

Q Well, then you'll be all dressed?

MRS. CLINTON: Yeah, I'll have to be. I'll have to be dressed. Right, I will have to be dressed, yeah, by 8:00.

Q Are you sleeping?

MRS. CLINTON: Not much.

Q No?

MRS. CLINTON: No, that's one thing that we -- you

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know, there is so much to do initially to try to figure out what you're doing and to try to find your way around and all that, that sleep has taken a back seat. I told Bill we have a budget deficit, an investment deficit, and a sleep deficit, you know.

Q Good.

MRS. CLINTON: And I think that's general in America. Americans don't sleep enough. There's a new study out that confirms what I have felt for a long time. There are a lot of exhausted people walking around.

Q Our lives are too frazzled.

MRS. CLINTON: I think that's exactly right. You know, with 24-hour information and everything that's going on, there is never a time to stop, lights are on 24 hours a day. You know, it just really alters the rhythm of human beings existence.

Q I don't think it's good either, frankly.

MRS. CLINTON: I don't think it's good, no.

Q When you have sleep deficit, I don't think you work at your peak?

MRS. CLINTON: I don't think it's good either.

Q Do you ever take a nap during the day?

MRS. CLINTON: Yeah. But not -- I mean, I sure haven't in the last couple of weeks but I think naps are -- I mean, I believe with Churchill that naps are real restorative.

Q I think they really help a great deal. I mean, you can sleep on the plane going up to Philadelphia.

MRS. CLINTON: It's not a very long flight, though. All righty.

Q Okay. Oh, thanks a million.

MRS. CLINTON: Well, this was fun.

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Q It really was.

MRS. CLINTON: I always enjoy seeing you. As I said, I want a standing invitation when I finally get another house of my own and go buy pots.

Q We'll go buy pots and pans.

(The interview was concluded.)

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