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FEBRUARY 24, 1999

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**THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. CLINTON
HONOR HIS EXCELLENCY JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA,
AND
NANA KONADU AGYEMAN-RAWLINGS**

WASHINGTON, DC -- The President and Mrs. Clinton are hosting his Excellency Ft. Lt. Jerry John Rawlings, President of the Republic of Ghana and Nana Konadu Agyeman-Rawlings, at a White House State Dinner on Wednesday, February 24, 1999. President and Mrs. Agyeman-Rawlings will arrive at the North Portico at 7:15 p.m.

Guests will be received by the President and Mrs. Clinton, and President and Mrs. Agyeman-Rawlings in the Cross Hall of the White House. Following the receiving line, the President and Mrs. Clinton will escort President and Mrs. Agyeman-Rawlings into the East Room for dinner.

The tables in the East Room will be set with Eisenhower gold base plates; the Franklin Delano Roosevelt china will be used for service. Kennedy Morgantown crystal and gold flatware from the Vermeil Collection will be set on deep green-colored damask tablecloths. Bamboo containers from the Vermeil Collection will be filled with flowering quince branches, pink ice protea, cream and red roses, white lilacs, rose colored tulips and dendrobium orchids and will be surrounded by gold taper candles in gold candlesticks.

Following the dinner, guests will be entertained in the East Room with the contemporary jazz music of Najee.

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

February 24, 1999
STATE DINNER MENU

WHITE HOUSE STATE DINNER TO
HONOR HIS EXCELLENCY JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA,
AND NANA KONADU AGYEMAN-RAWLINGS

MENU

*Five Spice Roasted Duck over Marinated Pears and Papaya
Scallion and Vegetable Salad
Gingered Red Pepper Dressing*

*Grilled Yellowtail Snapper
Butternut, Celeriac, Gold Potato Hash
Truffled Lobster Fricassée
Roasted Pumpkin Sauce*

*Mâche, Spinach and Winter Greens Salad
Tomatoes and Herbed Goats Cheese Baked in Brioche
Basil Vinaigrette*

Dessert

*Sweet Kente Wrapped Mango
and Golden Pineapple Ice Cream
Exotic Roses
Raspberry Sauce
Gold Bars and Ghana Coco Beans*

Wines

*Etude Pinot Blanc 1997
Wild Horse Pinot Noir 1997
Domaine Carneros "Le Reve" 1992*

FEBRUARY 24, 1999

STATE DINNER ENTERTAINMENT IN THE EAST ROOM

Najee

Saxophone and Flute

The phenomenal reedsmith Najee has introduced a generation of music lovers to a contemporary jazz sound that is truly his own. The multi-talented musician began exploring his interest in music at a young age while growing up in Queens, New York, and gives much credit to his childhood community in which music was an integral part of everyday life.

His skills on the saxophone and flute showcase the artistry that has thrust him into the limelight of adult contemporary, rhythm & blues, and jazz venues over the last twelve years. With his career marked by many distinguished achievements, Najee takes center stage, not only with original compositions, but also with fresh interpretations of timeless melodies.

Najee's formidable talents have afforded him the opportunity to work with such music legends as Quincy Jones, Stevie Wonder, Al Jarreau, and Patti LaBelle. Most recently, he gave a remarkable performance in South Africa commemorating the birthday of President Nelson Mandela.

Morning Tenderness, his latest CD, has topped the contemporary jazz charts, captivating listeners with an irresistible sound and incomparable expressiveness. Najee continues to climb toward a peak of soulful mastery, providing an unforgettable glimpse into his dynamic musical personality.

FEBRUARY 24, 1999
OFFICIAL GIFTS

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S GIFT TO PRESIDENT RAWLINGS:

The official gift for President Rawlings from President Clinton on the occasion of his State Visit to Washington is a hand-crafted sterling silver cachepot from Tiffany & Co. The piece features an etched border design inspired by a cornice found in the East Room of the White House and a floral design taken from the Green and Red Rooms of the White House. The flower in the center is a dogwood blossom, a tree frequently found in the President's home state of Arkansas. The cachepot was designed exclusively as a gift for President Clinton to present for the State visit. The Presidential Seal is engraved on the bottom of the silver piece.

THE FIRST LADY'S GIFT TO MRS. AGYEMAN-RAWLINGS:

The official gift for Nana Agyeman-Rawlings from Mrs. Clinton is a Cheryl Williams' sculptured bowl with 24 karat gold textured interior accompanied by an autographed copy of the White House Craft Collection.

OFFICIAL DELEGATION GIFT:

The official gift for members of the Argentine delegation is a Tiffany & Co. silver-plated round tray with an inscription commemorating President Rawlings' State Visit to Washington.

PRESIDENT RAWLINGS' GIFT TO PRESIDENT CLINTON:

The official gift to President Clinton from President Rawlings is a traditional Ashanti Stool.

MRS. AGYEMAN-RAWLINGS GIFT TO MRS. CLINTON:

The official gift to Mrs. Clinton from Mrs. Agyeman-Rawlings are three traditional framed Ghanaian cloths and a traditional necklace.

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**THE STATE VISIT OF
HIS EXCELLENCY JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS,
THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA
AND NANA KONADU AGYEMAN-RAWLINGS**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1999

****NOTE: Press who plan to cover the State Dinner must wear dark-colored business attire.**

TENTATIVE TIMELINE

WASHINGTON, DC --The following is a tentative timeline of press coverage for the White House State Dinner to be given in honor of his Excellency Jerry John Rawlings, the President of the Republic Ghana and Nana Konadu Agyeman-Rawlings.

4:00 pm White House press corps interested in viewing the table settings for the State Dinner will be escorted from the briefing room to the East Room.

4:15 pm **Press preview by the Social Secretary (OPEN PRESS)**

6:40 pm White House Press Pool who would like to cover the arrival of guests attending the State Dinner will be escorted to the Ground Floor of the East Wing (Booksellers Area).

Note: Press covering the guest arrivals will not be able to cover the arrival of President and Mrs. Agyeman-Rawlings.

6:45 pm Press covering the arrival of President and Mrs. Agyeman-Rawlings escorted from the White House briefing room to the North Portico.

7:15 p.m. **President and Mrs. Agyeman-Rawlings arrive to the North Portico and are greeted by the President and Mrs. Clinton.
(OPEN PRESS)**

7:40 pm White House Press Pool will be escorted into the White House Grand Foyer for the announcement of the President and Mrs. Clinton and President and Mrs. Agyeman-Rawlings at the base of the Grand

Staircase.

7:50 pm Announcement of President and Mrs. Clinton and President and Mrs. Agyeman-Rawlings to the base of the Grand Staircase. Following this announcement, the press will hold in the Grand Foyer and then reposition for the receiving line in the Cross Hall. Dinner guests will be received by the President and Mrs. Clinton and President and Mrs. Agyeman-Rawlings in the Cross Hall. (POOL PRESS)

8:35 pm The White House Press Pool covering the receiving line will hold in the Grand Foyer while the President and Mrs. Clinton and President and Mrs. Agyeman-Rawlings take their seats in the East Room. Press Pool will be escorted to the cross hall doorway outside of the East Room to cover the toasts.

8:45 pm **Toast by President Clinton**
Toast by President Rawlings
(POOL PRESS)

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

10:00 pm The White House press pool covering the entertainment segment of the State Dinner will be escorted from the White House briefing room to the East Room.

10:15 pm **Entertainment begins in the East Room. (POOL PRESS**
-Television lights will be up for the President's remarks)

10:30 pm White House press covering President and Mrs. Agyeman-Rawlings departure from the White House will be escorted to the North Portico from the press briefing room.

10:45 pm **Entertainment concludes. President Clinton makes closing remarks. (POOL PRESS)**

Following his remarks, President and Mrs. Clinton escort President and Mrs. Agyeman-Rawlings to the North Portico for their departure. (OPEN PRESS)

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**REPUBLIC OF GHANA STATE DINNER
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1999, 7:30 PM
STATE DINING ROOM**

**THE PRESIDENT and MRS. CLINTON
THE VICE PRESIDENT and MRS. GORE**

HE Flt. Lt. Jerry John Rawlings; President of the Republic of Ghana
HE Nana Konadu Agyeman-Rawlings; First Lady of the Republic of Ghana
Hon. Fati Habib Jawula; Member, Council of State
Hon. James Victor Gbeho; Minister of Foreign Affairs
Hon. Dr. John Frank Abu; Minister of Trade and Industry
Mr. Kofi Bentum Quantson; National Security Coordinator
Hon. Cecilia Johnson; Deputy Minister of Local Government and Rural Development
Hon. Dr. Mohammed Ibn Chambas; Deputy Minister of Education
Hon. Victor Selormey; Deputy Minister of Finance
HE Koby Koomson; Ambassador of Ghana to the United States
Dr. Bertha Koomson
Hon. Kofi Attoh; Member of Parliament and Chairman, Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs
Hon. Kojo Armah; Member of Parliament and Member, Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs
Mr. Kobina Wudu; Director of State Protocol

Mr. and Mrs. Henry "Hank" Aaron (Billye)
Senior Vice President; The Atlanta Braves

Dr. Maya Angelou; Professor and Writer, Wake Forest University
Mr. DeFoy Glenn

Dr. Vincent Anku; Director, Cleveland Cancer Institute
Ms. Cynthia Ferguson; National Summit on Africa

The Secretary General of the United Nations and Mrs. Annan (Nane)

Hon. Dennis W. Archer; Mayor, City of Detroit, Michigan
Hon. Trudy DunCombe Archer; Judge, 36th District Ward, Detroit, Michigan

Hon. and Mrs. David L. Armstrong (Carol)
Mayor, City of Louisville, Kentucky

Hon. and Mrs. J. Brian Atwood (Susan)
Administrator, United States Agency for International Development

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Avant (Jacqueline)
Chairman, Motown Records

Hon. Thurbert Baker; Attorney General, State of Georgia

Ms. Angela Bassett; Actor
Mr. Courtney B. Vance; Actor

Hon. and Mrs. Samuel R. Berger (Susan)
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

Mrs. Alma Brown; Senior Vice President, Chevy Chase Bank

Mr. Ed Hitchcock; Attorney, Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander LLC

Hon. (Rep.) Corrine Brown; D/Florida

Shantrel A. Brown, Esq.

Mr. Dwight Bush; Principal, Stuart Mill Capital Partners

Mrs. Antoinette Cook Bush; Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP

Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell; General Secretary, National Council of Churches

Rev. Dr. Albert M. Pennybacker; Association General Secretary, National Council of Churches

Mr. and Mrs. Myron M. Cherry (Patricia)

Partner, Cherry and Flynn, Chicago, Illinois

Hon. (Rep.) Eva M. Clayton; D/North Carolina

Mr. Theaoseus Clayton; Attorney

Hon. (Rep.) John J. Conyers, Jr.; D/Michigan

Hon. (Rep.) Elijah E. Cummings; D/Maryland

Dr. Linda Thompson; Maryland Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families

Mrs. Betty Currie; Personal Secretary to the President

Mr. Robert Currie; Environmental Consultant

Hon. Glyn T. Davies; Executive Secretary, National Security Council

Mrs. Jacqueline Davies; Attorney, Williams & Connolly

Mr. Kenneth T. Derr; Chairman and CEO, Chevron Corporation

Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin D. Dodoo (Janie)

Chairman of the Board of Directors, National Council of Ghanaian Associations

Mrs. Marian Wright Edelman; President, Children's Defense Fund

Professor Peter B. Edelman; Professor, Georgetown University School of Law

Mr. Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds; Singer/Songwriter/Producer

Co-President and Co-Founder, LaFace Records

Mrs. Tracey Edmonds; CEO, Edmonds Entertainment/Yab Yum Records

Hon. Alphonso Michael Espy; Former Secretary of Agriculture

Ms. Portia Ballard; Senior Human Resources Analyst, Shell Chemicals America

Hon. Mary Mel French; The Chief of Protocol, United States

Hon. Mark D. Gearan; Director, The Peace Corps

Ms. Mary Herlihy-Gearan

Ms. Denyce Graves; Opera Singer

Mr. David Perry; Musician

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Graves, Jr. (Roberta)

President and COO, Black Enterprise Magazine

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Green (Marie)

Head Football Coach, The Minnesota Vikings

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Green (Phyllis)

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Dr. John Ijichi; Advisor to the Vice President of World Bank
Ms. Sabine Dohrn

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President and CEO, Rainbow-PUSH Coalition
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Assistant to the President and
Director, White House Office on the President's Initiative for One America

Mrs. Sheila Johnson; Executive Vice President, Black Entertainment Television
Mrs. Shannon McCormick Davis; Davis Construction

Ms. Star Jones; Co-Host, The View
Mr. Gary R. Lewis; Director of Business Development, VIBE Magazine

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International Executive Consultant, The Greenbrier Companies

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Ms. Carol Lewis

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Dr. Thomas Livingston; Peace Corps, Dodowa, Ghana, 1961-1963
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Mr. C. Payne Lucas; President, Africare, Inc.
Freddie H. Lucas, Ph.D.; President, Lodestar

Mr. Leon Lynch; International Vice President, United Steelworkers of America
Ms. Doris Tindal-Lynch; Manager of Employee Relations, Group Health, Inc.

Dr. George Madjitey; Surgeon; Member, Ghana Houston Association
Mrs. Henrietta Madjitey; Member, Ghana Houston Association

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Master Sergeant William Prentice Nelson
Marine Aircraft Group 16/PSD 16, Marine Air Station, Miramar

Dr. Dean Ornish; President and Director, Preventive Medicine Research
Ms. Molly Blackwell

Mr. Najee Rasheed; Musician
Mr. Fareed Haqq; President, Fan Records

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Hon. Janis Kearney; Special Assistant to the President and
Records Manager, Oval Office Operations

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Dr. Susan E. Rice; Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs
Mr. Ian Cameron; ABC News

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Mr. John L. Richardson; Partner, Seeger Potter Richardson
Hon. Margaret M. Richardson; Partner, Ernst & Young

Hon. Kathryn D. Robinson; United States Ambassador to Ghana
Mr. Frank Young; Country Director in Ghana, U. S. Agency for International Development

Ms. Sonya Ross; White House Reporter, Associated Press
Mr. Tavis Smiley; Host, BET Tonight

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Mr. Taylor Ruggles; Turkish Affairs, Department of State

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Mrs. Cassandra Slater; Senior Advisor to the Social Security Administrator

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Division Director of Community Services, Democratic National Committee

Hon. and Mrs. Joseph C. Wilson IV (Valerie)
CEO, J. C. Wilson International Ventures Corporation

Rev. Willie F. Wilson; Pastor, Union Temple Baptist Church
Rev. Mary Wilson; Assistant Pastor, Union Temple Baptist Church

Mr. BeBe Winans; Recording Artist
Bishop Clarence Eugene McClendon; The Full Gospel Baptist Fellowship

Mrs. James D. Wolfensohn (Elaine); World Bank
Mr. Adam R. Wolfensohn; Red Ramona

February 21, 1999 (7:12pm)

NATIONAL GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION DINNER - FEBRUARY 21, 1999 - 7:30 PM

THE PRESIDENT and MRS. CLINTON

Governor Lincoln Almond; Governor of Rhode Island

Ms. Amy Cabbage; Daughter of the Governor of Rhode Island

Hon. Bruce Babbitt; Secretary of the Interior

Governor and Mrs. Roy E. Barnes (Marie)

Governor of Georgia

Hon. Carol M. Browner; Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency

Dr. Stephanie Browner

Governor George W. Bush; Governor of Texas

Governor and Mrs. Jeb Bush (Columba)

Governor of Florida

Mrs. Melvin Carnahan (Jean)

Mr. Randy Carnahan, Esq.

Governor and Mrs. Thomas R. Carper (Martha)

Governor of Delaware

Governor and Mrs. Benjamin Cayetano (Vicky)

Governor of Hawaii

Governor and Mrs. Argeo Paul Cellucci (Jan)

Governor of Massachusetts

Hon. Lynn Cutler; Deputy Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs

Hon. Ronald Scheman; President, Museum of the Americas Foundation

Governor and Mrs. Gray Davis (Sharon)

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Hon. Frederick P. DuVal; Deputy Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs

Ms. Faith Lehrman

Hon. Maria Echaveste; Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff

Professor Christopher Edley; Harvard University College of Law

Governor Daniel K. Fordice; Governor of Mississippi

Mrs. Angela F. Roselle; Daughter of the Governor of Mississippi

Governor and Mrs. Jim Geringer (Sherri)

Governor of Wyoming

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Governor and Mrs. Parris Glendening (Frances Anne)

Governor of Maryland

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Hon. Sig Rogich

Governor Carl T. C. Gutierrez; Governor of Guam
Ms. Rosie Dell'Isola; Sister of the Governor of Guam

Hon. Alexis Herman; Secretary of Labor
Mr. Stephen Heyman; Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
Department of Labor

Governor and Mrs. James Hodges (Rachel)
Governor of South Carolina

Governor and Mrs. Michael Huckabee (Janet)
Governor of Arkansas

Governor Jane Hull; Governor of Arizona

Governor and Mrs. James B. Hunt, Jr. (Carolyn)
Governor of North Carolina

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Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs

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Governor of Nebraska

Governor and Mrs. Frank A. Keating (Catherine)
Governor of Oklahoma

Governor and Mrs. Dirk Kempthorne (Patricia)
Governor of Idaho

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Governor and Mrs. John A. Kitzhaber (Sharon)
Governor of Oregon

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Ms. Devon Knowles; Daughter of the Governor of Alaska

Governor and Mrs. Michael O. Leavitt (Jacalyn)
Governor of Utah

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Governor of Colorado

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Governor of New York

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Governor of Kentucky

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Mr. Joseph Racicot; Son of the Governor of Montana

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Secretary of Energy

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Secretary of Education

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Governor of Puerto Rico

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Governor of Connecticut

Governor and Mrs. George H. Ryan (Lura Lynn)
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Executive Director, National Governors' Association

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Mr. Bill Shaheen; Spouse of the Governor of New Hampshire

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Hon. and Mrs. Rodney E. Slater (Cassandra)
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Governor of American Samoa

Governor and Mrs. Pedro Tenorio (Sophia)
Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands

Governor and Mrs. Tommy G. Thompson (Sue Ann)
Governor of Wisconsin

Governor Charles W. Turnbull; Governor of the Virgin Islands

Governor and Mrs. Cecil H. Underwood (Hovah)
Governor of West Virginia

Governor and Mrs. Jesse Ventura (Terry)
Governor of Minnesota

Governor and Mrs. Thomas J. Vilsack (Christie)
Governor of Iowa

Ms. Katherine Whelan; Executive Director, Democratic Governors' Association

Hon. Bill White; Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs

Hon. and Mrs. James L. Witt (Lea Ellen)
Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency

Hon. Harris L. Wofford; CEO, Corporation for National Service
Mr. Gregg Petersmeyer; America's Promise: The Alliance for Youth

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**THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. CLINTON
HOST THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER**

WASHINGTON, DC -- The President and Mrs. Clinton will host a White House dinner honoring the Governors of the United States and Territories.

The dinner menu will be:

*Tiered Sweet Shrimp and Diver Scallop
Salad of Haricots Verts and Crispy Shallots
Minted Pea Dressing*

*Garlic Stuffed Lamb
Thyme and Goat Cheese Gnocchi
Fumet of Wild Mushrooms
Nicoise Oil*

*Grilled Mozzarella in Lettuce Wraps
Crisp Pancetta and Figs
Tomato Vinaigrette*

Dessert

*Kalamansi and Caramel Apple Cake
Grapefruit Basket
Vodka sauce*

Wine

*Au Bon Climat "Talley's" Chardonnay 1996
Brick House Pinot Noir 1994
Topaz "Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc" 1989*

The guests will be seated in the State Dining Room. The tables will be set with the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Base Plate and Franklin Delano Roosevelt China, the Vermeil flatware, and the Kennedy Morgantown crystal, on navy blue damask tablecloths. The centerpieces will feature tall, elevated silver epergnes and low mirrored containers filled blue hydrangea, white roses, white lilacs, dendrobium white orchids and purple lisianthus, surrounded by silver candlesticks and votive candles.

Following dinner, guests will be invited to continue the evening with dancing in the East Room. The music will be provided by the J Street Jumpers.

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Statement by
First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

"I am deeply gratified by the large number of people who have encouraged me to consider running for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Until now, I have not been able to do so, but I will give careful thought to a potential candidacy in order to reach a decision later this year. In the meantime, I intend to continue to focus my attention on the issues central to the President's agenda and on which we have worked together for many years."

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Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

February 16, 1999

PRESIDENT CLINTON PROPOSES NEARLY \$1 BILLION PACKAGE IN DISASTER ASSISTANCE; AID WILL HELP CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REBUILD AFTER HURRICANES MITCH AND GEORGES

President Clinton today proposed \$956 million in funding for disaster assistance in the wake of Hurricane Mitch and Hurricane Georges, which hit the Central American nations of Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala, along with Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and other Caribbean nations, in the fall of 1998. The additional funding, announced today by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at the White House, brings total United States assistance to these countries to more than \$1.2 billion.

In his letter of transmittal to Congress, the President said, "In light of the close consultation we have had, and the bipartisan recognition that the needs for reconstruction are pressing, I urge the Congress to act quickly to restore hope to this region and help our neighbors return to the path of democracy and economic growth."

Central America's full recovery from the storms are clearly in the U.S. national interest. Over the past decade, the region has made tremendous strides toward settling conflicts, strengthening democracy, promoting human rights, opening economies, and alleviating poverty. The economic destruction and dislocation caused by the hurricanes threatens to undermine these achievements. Disaster assistance to our Central American partners will ensure that their transformation continues.

Hurricane Mitch was the worst natural disaster ever to strike the Western Hemisphere. It caused the deaths of more than 9,000 people, left millions homeless, and resulted in more than \$8.5 billion in damages to homes, hospitals, schools, roads, farms and businesses throughout the region. Even today, hundreds of thousands of Central Americans cannot return to their homes while the economy, largely dependent on agriculture, has been severely damaged.

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Military aircraft, including 53 helicopters were deployed throughout the region to assist distribution and delivered more than 3.2 million pounds of food and more than 500,000 gallons of water.

DoD transported to the region almost 8 million pounds of food, clothing, medicine and other relief items donated by American citizens.

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USDA is providing food aid and concessional loans, valued at \$63 million.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
FEBRUARY 15, 1999

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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF
FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

Washington, D.C. -- On Tuesday, February 16, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will announce additional resources to benefit those affected most by Hurricanes Mitch and Georges. The assistance package supplements aid that the United States provided to its neighbors in Central America and the Caribbean immediately after the hurricanes hit. Both the First Lady and Tipper Gore have visited the region to underscore the commitment of the United States to support countries in this region as they confronted the difficulties caused by these disasters. Joining the First Lady and Tipper Gore at this announcement will be Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and USAID Administrator Brian Atwood.

EVENT: Hurricane Mitch Disaster Relief Announcement

DATE: February 16, 1999

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Presidential Hall (OEOB 450)
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Press Notes

The event is open to press coverage. Lighting and mult box provided.

First escort from press briefing room: 1:00 p.m.

Final escort from press briefing room: 1:40 p.m.

Credentialing Information

Press who are not credentialed by the White House should fax on company letterhead their full name, date of birth, and social security number to the First Lady's Press Office at 202-456-7805 by 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 16.

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**THE CLINTON-GORE ADMINISTRATION:
PROVIDING CRITICAL RECONSTRUCTION SUPPORT
FOR CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

February 16, 1999

"In light of the close consultation we have had, and the bipartisan recognition that the needs for reconstruction are pressing, I urge the Congress to act quickly to restore hope to this region and help our neighbors return to the path of democracy and economic growth."

President Bill Clinton
February 16, 1999

Today, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Mrs. Tipper Gore will announce an Administration proposal to provide \$956 million in funding to pay for the costs of disaster relief in the wake of Hurricanes Mitch and Georges, which hit Central American and Caribbean nations last fall.

A SUSTAINED RESPONSE TO DISASTER RELIEF NEEDS IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN. In the aftermath of the devastating hurricanes in Central America last autumn, the United States government has led relief efforts in the area. To date, the United States has provided more than \$300 million in humanitarian relief aid, including, medicine, emergency shelter, food, clothing, and funding for the work of civilian and military relief workers.

BUILDING ON OUR SUPPORT EFFORTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN. Today's proposal of \$956 million in aid builds on our efforts to help countries devastated by Hurricanes Mitch and Georges. As part of this funding, the Clinton Administration is proposing \$613 million, \$50 million of which will be targeted at relief efforts in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and the Eastern Caribbean. The remainder of this funding will support efforts in Central America to:

- **Restore clean water and sanitation systems and preserve public health**, including, repairing 700 damaged health clinics to serve at least 4 million people, provide clean water and sanitation for 7 million people, and stem the spread of contagious diseases through health surveillance and prevention for more than 17 million people;
- **Help rebuild housing, schools, and roads**, including, temporary shelter for 20,000 people, building 6,400 new housing units, and establishing 6,000 temporary "open-air" schools and repair more than 1,700 schools;
- **Restore agriculture, rebuild economies and create jobs**, including, technical assistance and delivery of seeds, fertilizer, and tools to small farmers, providing 70,000 micro-enterprise loans, providing credit subsidies to the U.S. Export-Import Bank for short and medium term trade credits for imports of essential goods from the U.S., rebuilding roads and bridges, and funding business outreach through the Overseas Private Investment Corporation;
- **Help local governments manage the crisis** with advice and help in reconstruction and in the management of funding to insure that assistance is used effectively and serves its intended goal

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DEBT RELIEF FOR COUNTRIES REBUILDING IN THE WAKE OF DEVASTATION. In order to enable Central American nations to concentrate on rebuilding their economies, the Administration's proposal would provide debt relief with:

- A deferral by the U.S. of all bilateral debt service requirements for the next two years (\$54 million);
- An increase in forgiveness of \$19 million of Nicaragua's bilateral debt, and \$26 million of Honduras' bilateral debt, bringing our total debt forgiveness to 90 percent of all Nicaraguan debt and 66 percent of all Honduran debt;
- A contribution by the United States of \$25 million to a multi-nation fund to cover debt obligations of Nicaragua and Honduras to international financial institutions during the deferral period.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

February 16, 1999

PRESIDENT CLINTON PROPOSES NEARLY \$1 BILLION PACKAGE IN DISASTER ASSISTANCE; AID WILL HELP CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REBUILD AFTER HURRICANES MITCH AND GEORGES

President Clinton today proposed \$956 million in funding for disaster assistance in the wake of Hurricane Mitch and Hurricane Georges, which hit the Central American nations of Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala, along with Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and other Caribbean nations, in the fall of 1998. The additional funding, announced today by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at the White House, brings total United States assistance to these countries to more than \$1.2 billion.

In his letter of transmittal to Congress, the President said, "In light of the close consultation we have had, and the bipartisan recognition that the needs for reconstruction are pressing, I urge the Congress to act quickly to restore hope to this region and help our neighbors return to the path of democracy and economic growth."

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The President's proposal will provide funding for reconstruction and restoration of local economies, prevention efforts to avoid future losses through environmental management and disaster mitigation, and debt relief. It will repay USAID and the Department of Defense for funds already spent in immediate response to the hurricanes. This proposal also will provide \$80 million to the Department of Justice's Immigration and Naturalization Service to support policies to delay deportation to these countries and for other costs related to these disasters.

This proposal also allocates \$10 million to Colombia to help address needs arising from its recent earthquake, focusing assistance on health, housing and schools.

Central American Nations

More than a dozen Cabinet agencies will be involved in the relief efforts for Central America. For example, the Department of Health and Human Services will continue to take active measures to advance public health, and the Department of Agriculture will assist with farming recovery and land use planning. Funds in this package for the Central American nations hit by Hurricane Mitch will provide assistance as follows:

Reconstruction Assistance (\$ 613 million):

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- ▶ Repairing over 700 damaged health clinics to serve at least 4 million people;
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- ▶ Providing temporary shelter for 20,000 people;
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HURRICANE MITCH: THE UNITED STATES RESPONDS TO CENTRAL AMERICA

February 16, 1999

Following their visits to Central America in the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch, the First Lady and Mrs. Gore today announced the President's supplemental package of nearly \$1 billion in emergency disaster assistance. The supplemental package, which was developed in close bipartisan consultation with the Congress, will be directed primarily to help the Central American nations cope and rebuild after Hurricane Mitch, the worst natural disaster in their history.

The United States responded immediately after the Hurricane hit late last October, and has continued to maintain these efforts in the months that have followed. To date, the United States has already provided \$300 million in aid. U.S. military and civilian agencies have played a critical role, working with the governments of Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Costa Rica and a number of international and local non-governmental organizations to help provide food, water and relief supplies; to distribute seeds and tools; to repair water systems and road and bridge networks; and to provide medical assistance.

Key components of U.S. assistance to date are:

RELIEF

In the immediate aftermath of the hurricane, President Clinton directed personnel and resources from the military and civilian agencies of the U.S. government to support relief and rehabilitation efforts in Central America.

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

USAID has provided almost \$92 million in food and other relief assistance.

On February 11, USAID provided \$4.1 million to the International Organization for Migration to construct and administer ten transitional shelters for displaced people in Honduras. This assistance will provide alternative shelter to an estimated 25,000 people living temporarily in schools, allowing the schools to open by March 1.

This new assistance is in addition to \$30 million from USAID's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance to provide health care, repair water and sanitation systems, restore agricultural production and support road rehabilitation activities. The funds were also used to transport and deliver a variety of relief commodities including shelter materials, water containers and blankets.

USAID has provided \$52 million in food aid, meeting 50 percent of the overall food needs. Under the PL 480 Title II food aid program, USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) will provide 60,000 metric tons of food to 800,000 Hondurans through next summer, 19,700 metric tons of food to 300,000 Nicaraguans for six months and 7,600 metric tons of food for

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RECONSTRUCTION

USAID has already identified an initial \$120 million within its own budget to support reconstruction efforts in Central America by reprogramming existing food and other funding and reallocating recently appropriated fiscal year 1999 assistance. These funds will help rehabilitate transportation infrastructure, restore public utilities, support health care, reestablish crop and livestock production and revitalize the economic sector. Of this, USAID will channel \$66.6 million to programs in Honduras, \$32.4 million for reconstruction in Nicaragua, \$16.0 million for El Salvador and \$5 million for Guatemala. USAID has also engaged with the private sector to leverage contributions and investments in Central America reconstruction. In total, more than one dozen Cabinet agencies will be involved in the relief efforts: for example, the Department of Health and Human Services will continue to take active measures to advance public health, and the Department of Agriculture will assist with farming recovery and land use planning.

DEBT RELIEF

The International Monetary Fund has estimated that the external financing needs of Honduras and Nicaragua -- the two nations hardest hit by Hurricane Mitch -- will be approximately \$1.4 billion over the next several years. Assisting these countries in filling this gap is essential to their recovery. Steps to do so include:

The United States and other creditor nations will relieve Honduras and Nicaragua from debt service obligations until 2001. The United States will urge other creditors to provide similar relief.

The Administration expects that the international financial institutions will also contribute substantial amounts to help meet external financing needs, as will the World Bank-managed Central American Emergency Trust Fund. The Administration will work with Congress to provide a significant contribution to this trust fund.

Combined, these efforts could provide more than \$1.5 billion in debt relief. In addition, U.S. agencies will work with major donors and lending institutions to provide debt forgiveness of up to 67% of eligible debt for Honduras and up to 90% for Nicaragua.

TRADE

On February 10, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and Citibank signed a \$200 million loan facility for Central America and the Caribbean. Under this initiative, Citibank will extend medium and long-term loans to small and medium size businesses in the region. In addition to the Administration's Caribbean Basin Initiative enhancement proposal, the United States plans to submit to the Senate bilateral investment treaties with Nicaragua and Honduras.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

Tuesday, February 16, 1999

**President Proposes Nearly \$1 Billion Package in Disaster Assistance;
Aid Will Help Central America and the Caribbean Rebuild after Hurricanes Mitch and
Georges**

President Clinton today proposed \$956 million in funding to pay for the costs of disaster assistance in the wake of Hurricane Mitch and Georges which hit Central American and Caribbean nations in the autumn of last year. With the additional funding that is in this package, the total level of assistance from the United States government to these countries would reach more than \$1.2 billion.

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To date, the United States government has provided more than \$300 million in humanitarian relief aid to supply medicine, emergency shelter, food, clothing, and to fund the work of civilian and military relief workers. Responding immediately to the disasters, the Agency for International Development (USAID), the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Defense were responsible for saving thousands of lives and for providing shelter to millions of people. Today, more than 5,000 civilian and military U.S. personnel continue to work side by side with our Central American neighbors to help reconstruct these nations and restore hope to the region.

The funding proposal, announced today by First Lady Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, comes after visits to the region by the First Lady herself, Mrs. Tipper Gore, and many members of the Administration and the Congress. The proposal reflects close, bipartisan consultation with the Congress. In his letter of transmittal, the President said, "In light of the close consultation we have had, and the bipartisan recognition that the needs for reconstruction are pressing, I urge the Congress to act quickly to restore hope to this region and help our neighbors return to the path of democracy and economic growth."

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**UPDATED PRESS SCHEDULE OF THE FIRST LADY'S TRIP
TO THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS
FEBRUARY 9, 1999**

Washington, D.C. -- The First Lady will return to the Netherlands from Jordan to continue her participation in an international conference in the Hague, sponsored by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). On Tuesday, February 9, 1999, the First Lady will deliver the keynote address to the Population Forum of the conference. Mrs. Clinton also will pay a courtesy call to the Netherlands Prime Minister Willem Kok.

Editor's Note: The First Lady is scheduled to arrive in the Netherlands early Tuesday morning. Her arrival at Schipol airport is closed to the press.

11:30 a.m.
(5:30 a.m. EST) Keynote Address to the UN Population Forum
Prins Willem-Alexander Hall
The Netherlands Congress Center (NCC)
The Hague

Press Notes: Open Press. On-site registration available or press can pre-credential by contacting UNFPA at 212-297-5011 or <http://www.unfpa.org>. Press should use main entrance and proceed to press check-in. Pre-Set: 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Final access 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Conference will be conducted in English. Lighting and mult is provided. Throw is 120'. Cameras will be escorted for cutaway shots. Press filing center on-site. The on-site contacts are Dan Lenos and Corrie Shanahan.

12:35 p.m.
(6:35 a.m. EST) Courtesy call with Prime Minister Kok
Government House
The Hague

Press Notes: Open press on arrival and departure. Press should arrive no later than 11:00 a.m. Throw is approximately 20'. The on-site contact is Dan Lenos.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The First Lady is scheduled to leave the Hague in the afternoon and arrive in Washington, D.C. Tuesday evening. Departure from the Schipol Airport and arrival at Andrews AFB is closed to the press.

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**THE SCHEDULE OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
FEBRUARY 7 - 9, 1999**

Washington, D.C. - - On Sunday, February 7, 1999, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will travel from the Netherlands to Jordan, to join the President on Monday in mourning the death of King Hussein.

The First Lady will return to the Netherlands from Jordan, to give the keynote address at an international conference in the Hague organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), on Tuesday, February 9, 1999.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Specific details of the First Lady's public schedule will be released as they become available. For an overview of the First Lady's trip to the Netherlands and her participation in the UNFPA conference, please refer to the previously released press paper.

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**THE TRIP OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
TO THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS
(FEBRUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 8, 1999)**

Washington, D.C. -- First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will travel to the Netherlands, from February 6 - February 8, 1999.

The First Lady will keynote an international conference in the Hague being organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in collaboration with the government of the Netherlands. The conference will assess overall progress on the program of action adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) held in Cairo, in September 1994.

The action agenda adopted in Cairo by 180 nations placed global population policy within a broader context of social development and focused on improving the status of women around the world through the promotion of access to health care -- including family planning -- education and women's human rights. The gathering in the Hague will reconvene the delegations from the countries that participated in the Cairo Conference. They will examine the progress made by governments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) on population and development and look at the challenges that remain.

As part of the week-long international conference, Mrs. Clinton will address the NGO Forum on Sunday and will be the keynote speaker at the Population Forum on Monday. The First Lady's participation builds on years of her active involvement -- both in the United States and around the world -- in ensuring access to safe, high quality family planning services and health care; encouraging the economic empowerment of women; and working with NGOs on issues of civic participation, human rights and social investment.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Specific details of the First Lady's public schedule will be released as they are available.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

February 3, 1999

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY

We deeply regret and are profoundly saddened by the decision of People Magazine to print a cover story featuring our daughter Chelsea. For over six years, the media has understood and respected the unique situation facing Chelsea as she grows up in the spot light focused on her parents. Other than at public situations where she is an integral part of our family, Chelsea has not taken on a public role. We have been very grateful for the media's restraint in allowing Chelsea the privacy that any young person needs and deserves.

Unfortunately, despite personal appeals with respect to her privacy and her security from her parents, People Magazine has chosen to run the story. We can only hope that the media will continue its policy of restraint with respect to our daughter.

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S SCHEDULE
FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1999**

WASHINGTON, DC -- First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, along with Attorney General Janet Reno, will announce several new public and private efforts to support and promote mentoring, at a White House event, on Wednesday, February 3, 1999.

In addition, the First Lady will attend a White House ceremony in honor of the National Park Foundation and in celebration of the publication of her new book, Dear Socks, Dear Buddy: Children's Letters to the First Pets. All of the author proceeds from the book go to the National Park Foundation.

In the evening, Mrs. Clinton will attend Project Children's 25th Anniversary celebration and annual benefit, which will include readings and singing and dance performances.

EVENT: Event to Support and Promote Mentoring Programs
DATE: Wednesday, February 3, 1999
TIME: 2:15 p.m.
LOCATION: The East Room
The White House

Press Notes:

This event is 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 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 1999** to be cleared to cover the event. There will be an escort from the White House Briefing Room at 12:45 p.m. to pre-set and at 1:45 p.m. for final access. Lighting and a mult are provided.

EVENT: National Park Foundation Reception/Book Party
DATE: Wednesday, February 3, 1999
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: The East Room
The White House

Press Notes:

This event is open press for remarks only. 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 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 1999** to be cleared to cover the event. There will be an escort from the White House Briefing Room at 4:45 p.m. to pre-set and at 5:45 p.m. for final access. Lighting and a mult are provided.

EVENT: Project Children Benefit and Anniversary Celebration

DATE: Wednesday, February 3, 1999

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: The Terrace Theater

4th Floor

The Kennedy Center

Press Notes:

This event is open press. No pre-credentialing is required. Press should go to the check-in on the 4th floor, outside of the Terrace Theater, between 6:45 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., to gain access to the performance. Lighting and a mult are provided. For more information on Project Children, please contact Katrine Fitzgerald at 202-662-3099. The on-site contact is Rob Rosen.

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
ANNOUNCES NEW EFFORTS TO SUPPORT MENTORING**

February 3, 1999

Today, in the East Room of the White House, the First Lady joined by the Attorney General, will announce several public and private initiatives to support mentoring, a proven strategy that keeps kids on the right track. Mrs Clinton will (1) release a report by the Justice Department detailing the benefits of mentoring; (2) announce new federal grants to communities across the country to support mentoring; (3) announce a new guide that provides practical assistance to mentors; and (4) announce a new Public Service Announcement (PSA) campaign to promote mentoring.

A Huge Demand for Involving Caring Adults in the Lives of Children. In the United States, there are about 13.6 million youths under 18 who are defined "at risk" of getting into trouble; roughly half or about 7 million are termed "very high risk" and share a propensity for delinquency, sexual activity, substance abuse and underachievement in school. According to a 1994 study conducted by the Carnegie Foundation, many adolescents spend 40 percent of their time alone, without adult supervision, or with peers who have a negative influence on them. In addition, statistics show that most juvenile crime takes place between the hours of 2 and 8 pm, and that children are also at much greater risk of being the victim of crime during the hours after school, when they are without adult supervision. All children need responsible adults to guide them towards adulthood, but children at risk are especially in need.

New Report Shows Mentoring Works. The First Lady will release a new report: "Juvenile Mentoring Program --1998 Report to Congress," which provides data on the effectiveness of mentoring programs as well as summarizes the initial evaluation of the Department of Justice Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP). According to the report, mentoring programs have been proven to reduce youth crime and help young people succeed in school. It reports that in one study participants with mentors were 46% less likely to start using drugs; 27% less likely to start using alcohol; and almost 33% less likely to hit someone. The study reports that the young people paired with mentors were 50% more likely to attend class; felt more competent about doing school work; skipped fewer classes; showed measurable increases in grade point averages; and demonstrated noticeably improved relations with their peers and family members. The JUMP report also provides useful information on approaches to running mentoring programs as well as identifies issues mentoring organizations face.

Expanding Support for Mentors. The First Lady will announce \$14 million in JUMP grants, that use mentoring as a tool to keep young people in schools and off-the streets. JUMP programs operate in a variety of settings -- such as schools, recreation centers, businesses -- and often involve college students, senior citizens, military personnel, business people, doctors, lawyers, government employees, teachers, and law enforcement as mentors. Mentoring activities include tutoring, job training, and community service and provide young people with discipline, guidance, and personal attention. This year, demand far outstripped supply -- there were 424 applications, and only 73 were awarded. These JUMP grants, which range up to \$200,000, will provide more than 7,500 at-risk young people in 37 states with one-on-one mentoring to help keep them in school and away from drugs and crime. In addition, the Department of Justice will provide a \$1.6 million grant to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America, one of the oldest mentoring organizations in the nation.

New Efforts to Recruit and Support Mentors: Mrs. Clinton will also announce the release of a new guide and a new website to promote mentoring by offering practical assistance on how to become a mentor, build trust, define future goals and provide support to young people. The guide, "How to Be a Great Mentor," is authored by *Newsweek*, Kaplan, and the National Mentoring Partnership. The companion web site at www.mentoring.org will provide ongoing support to mentors and mentees, with features including an interactive training curriculum and a bulletin board where mentors can share advice and experiences. The goal of the guide and web site is to help mobilize thousands of adults to touch a young person's life through mentoring.

New Public Service Announcements: The First Lady will also announce a new PSA by Save the Children, in partnership with the Ad Council, that supports their new campaign -- "Do Good: Mentor a Child." The PSA campaign features a toll free number, 1-877-BE-A-MENTOR, which directs callers to their local mentoring organizations, working from a newly created database of mentoring organizations nationwide. Those who call the 1-800 number are connected to an organization in their local area ready to support volunteers and committed to respond in 48 hours. This data base is run by the National Mentoring Partnership and is funded by the Department of Justice. This Save the Children PSA is part of a national media effort to promote mentoring, that has been spearheaded by the Harvard Mentoring Project in collaboration with ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, UPN, and WB, 36 cable networks, and leading Hollywood studios. This new support for mentoring builds on the commitment by ABC, which has promoted mentoring for the past three years as an exclusive message of its "Children's First" campaign, generating more than 150,000 calls from viewers seeking more information on volunteering as a mentor.

An Agenda that Promotes Mentoring: These announcements build upon the President's commitment to support mentoring. As part of his FY 2000 budget, the President proposes to double funding --from \$120 million in FY 99 to \$240 million in FY 2000 -- for the GEAR UP program, in order to reach 381,000 students. This program supports partnerships between high-poverty middle or junior high schools and colleges to help low-income children prepare for and enroll in college. The President has also proposed \$95 million for an "At Risk Youth Initiative," to fund activities such as mentoring and drug and alcohol prevention programs.

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February 2, 1999

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Hillary and I are saddened by the death of Paul Mellon, one of America's most dedicated philanthropists. His generosity over a long lifetime invigorated and sustained our nation's cultural and educational institutions. Carrying on his family's work, he donated a remarkable collection of priceless art to the National Gallery of Art, so that it could be enjoyed by future generations. He gave the nation the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and led the restoration of Lafayette Park, across the street from the White House. He received the National Medal of the Arts and the National Medal for the Humanities, but his true recognition comes from the millions of people whose love of art his gifts inspired. His legacy of commitment to public service is, itself, priceless. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Bunny, his children, Catherine and Timothy, and his grandchildren.

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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF
FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

Washington, D.C. - - On Tuesday, February 2, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will take part in a discussion with working parents and listen to their concerns about balancing responsibilities at home and at work. Today, the President unveiled a balanced budget proposal that puts families first - - through a package of initiatives that will help parents struggling to meet their responsibilities to their jobs and to the families. The First Lady will address how the Families Agenda of the President's FY2000 budget will help families through its crucial 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. She will be joined by Congressman Edolphus Towns (D-NY/10th) at this event.

EVENT: Discussion with Working Parents
DATE: February 2, 1999
TIME: 4:15 p.m.
LOCATION: 139 Monroe Street (corner of Bedford Avenue)
Bedford-Stuyvesant YMCA
Gymnasium
Brooklyn, New York

Press Notes

The event is open to press coverage. No pre-credentialing is required. Press should bring standard press identification to gain access to the event. Enter via main entrance to YMCA. Lighting and a mult provided. Throw is approximately 60'.

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

The on-site contact is Jennifer Brown.

Note: In the evening, the First Lady will join the President at a DNC dinner in New York City. Please contact the President's press office for details. Upon conclusion of events in New York, the President and First Lady will return to Washington, DC.

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