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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON FOR
FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2000**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- On Friday, June 30, 2000, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will deliver the convocation address at the graduation ceremony for SUNY Stony Brook's School of Health Technology and Management.

EVENT: Convocation Address to SUNY Stony Brook's
School of Health Technology and Management
DATE: Friday, June 30, 2000
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Staller Center for the Performing Arts
SUNY Stony Brook (off Route 25A)
Stony Brook, NY 11794

Press Notes:

This event is OPEN PRESS. No pre-credentialing is required. Press must show standard press identification at check-in to gain access. Lighting and mult provided. Throw is approximately 100'. Satellite truck parking on Center Drive behind the Staller Center; approx. 500' cable run to building.

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

The on-site contact is Alyson Chadwick.

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The White House
White House Millennium Council

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June 28, 2000

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U.S. Musicians and Artists Highlighted in the United Kingdom's Millennium Dome

WASHINGTON, DC – On July 1 and 2, 2000, the United States will present a selection of traditional American music and artwork to the United Kingdom's worldwide celebration of the new millennium at the Millennium Dome in Greenwich, England. The performance will include ensembles, bands, and artists from cities representing the heartland of the United States.

United States Ambassador to the United Kingdom, the Honorable Philip Lader, will kick off the festivities. The United Kingdom has invited more than thirty countries to contribute to the millennium celebration in the Dome throughout the year 2000.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton accepted the invitation to send U.S. representatives to the upcoming Dome event in October 1998 at the British Embassy's Millennium Ball. Of the friendship between Britain and the United States, she has said, "We are bound together by our shared love of freedom – and our shared commitment to honoring its responsibilities, at home and abroad."

Artists and groups from several cities throughout the United States will perform genres of music indigenous to their regions. Chicago will showcase a gospel choir, Indianapolis will present a jazz performance, Memphis will feature a blues band, and Nashville will provide country musicians.

In addition to musical contributions, American visual arts will be represented through the work of widely acclaimed sculptor Michael A. Naranjo. Mr. Naranjo is a Native American artist who was permanently blinded during the war in Vietnam. His twelve bronzes of Native American images will be on exhibition at the Dome.

The United States day in Greenwich's Millennium Dome is being organized and presented by the White House Millennium Council with the City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs as its primary partner.

The White House Millennium Council was created in 1997 by the President and Mrs. Clinton to help communities celebrate the millennial year in meaningful and lasting ways under the theme of "Honor the Past—Imagine the Future." Recognizing the international significance of the millennium, the White House Millennium Council is working with countries around the world to develop projects that emphasize preservation of cultural and natural resources, encourage tourism and the imaginative use of technology, and engage all the world's children to create a positive vision for the future.

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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON FOR
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2000**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- On Monday, June 26, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will travel to Hempstead, N.Y., to deliver the commencement address to Forest Hills High School's graduating class of 2000.

EVENT: Commencement Address to Forest Hills High School Class of 2000
DATE: Monday, June 26, 2000
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Nassau Coliseum
Hempstead, N.Y.

Press Notes:

This event is OPEN PRESS. No pre-credentialing is required. Press must show standard press identification at check-in to gain access. Lighting and mult provided. Throw is approximately 55'. Satellite truck parking in parking lot; approx. 300' cable run to building.

Pre-set: 12:00 p.m.
Final access: 12:30 p.m.

The on-site contact is Allison Chadwick.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

**Office of the Press Secretary
(Phoenix, Arizona)**

For Immediate Release

June 22, 2000

Statement by the Press Secretary

The White House received the Independent Counsel's press release on the travel office matter this afternoon, a report that should officially end its investigation. After seven years and the expense of tens of millions of taxpayer dollars, the Independent Counsel confirms what we have said all along; there is no evidence that the First Lady did anything wrong. In fact, the Independent Counsel confirms what the President and First Lady have always said about this matter. Moreover, by innappropriately characterizing the results of a legally sealed report through innuendo, the Office of the Independent Counsel has further politicized an investigation that has dragged on far too long.

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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON FOR
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2000**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- On Monday, June 19, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will travel to Kings Point, N.Y., to deliver the commencement address to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy's graduating class of 2000.

Later in the day, Mrs. Clinton will travel to New York City to attend Bishop Edward M. Egan's installation as archbishop of New York during a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

EVENT: Commencement Address to U.S. Merchant
Marine Academy's Class of 2000
DATE: Monday, June 19, 2000
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Tomb Field (alternate rain site: O'Hara Hall)
King's Point, N.Y.

Press Notes:

This event is open press. No pre-credentialing is required. Press must show standard press identification at check-in to gain access. Lighting and mult provided. Throw is approximately 90'.

Pre-Set: 7:00 - 7:30 a.m.
Final Access: 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

The on-site contact is Paul Lekas.

EVENT: Mass for Bishop Egan's Installation
as Archbishop of New York
DATE: Monday, June 19, 2000
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
LOCATION: St. Patrick's Cathedral
New York, N.Y.

Press Notes:

This event is pooled for television and still cameras. There will be a bullpen for print press with valid New York press credentials. The press entrance is at 5th Avenue and 51st Street.

Final Access: 1:45 p.m.

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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2000**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- On Saturday, June 17, 2000, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will tour Val Kill Cottage, the Hyde Park, N.Y., home of Eleanor Roosevelt. Mrs. Clinton's visit is part of the ongoing "Save America's Treasures" program, an effort to preserve the nation's most historic—and threatened—landmarks. Mrs. Clinton will tour the cottage and announce an important donation to help preserve the national historic site.

Save America's Treasures is a public-private partnership of the White House Millennium Council and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. As honorary chair of the Save America's Treasures Program, the First Lady has visited more than 40 historic and cultural sites around the country.

EVENT: Visit to Val Kill Cottage
DATE: Saturday, June 17, 2000
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Route 9G, Stone Cottage
Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site
Hyde Park, N.Y.
914/229-5302

Press Notes:

The speaking program is OPEN PRESS. However, due to space limitations, the tour is pool press only (pool TBD). Press must show standard identification to gain access to event. Mult and lighting provided. Throw is approximately 70 feet.

Pre-set for speaking program: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
Final access: 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Event
June 12, 2000

SPEAKERS

Rose Pulliam, Associate Director of the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence. In addition to her current position, Ms. Pulliam has also served as the program director for the Family Service Center of Talladega, a local service program, and also as the executive director for Second Chance, Inc., a local battered women's shelter. Ms. Pulliam has worked in the domestic violence and sexual assault social services area in Alabama for over seven years, and has seen first-hand the impact that the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) has made on both a programmatic level and a community-response level. In Alabama, VAWA has helped fund the creation of 42 Domestic Violence Response Councils across the state which provide protocols involving law enforcement, the criminal justice system, and the social service providers. These protocols allow law enforcement and the shelter system to work in a coordinated way in order to combat violence against women. For instance, in Huntsville, Alabama, domestic violence advocates accompany law enforcement officers in responding to domestic violence calls, and, therefore, are able to provide assistance immediately. To date, Alabama has received over \$10 million in VAWA funding.

Kathryn Witt, Sheriff of Fayette County, Kentucky. Sheriff Witt has worked in law enforcement for over 15 years and has witnessed the dramatic impact of VAWA in addressing crimes of domestic violence. For example, protective orders in Kentucky are not effective until they are served. In Fayette County, VAWA funds have helped to fund the "zero tolerance" unit which serves emergency protective orders on batterers within 12 hours after they are issued – when women are the most vulnerable. VAWA funds have also been used to gather evidence for prosecutions such as photographs of injuries; and to provide cell phones to battered women so that they have immediate access to help in case their lives are endangered. Sheriff Witt's office has also used VAWA funding to employ a law enforcement/victim advocate who travels to victims' homes and helps them implement safety plans which include changing locks and providing outside lighting. To date, Kentucky has received over \$13 million in VAWA funding.

J. Joseph Curran, Jr., Maryland Attorney General. Mr. Curran has been Maryland's Attorney General since 1986. He has seen the tremendous difference that VAWA has made in his state. VAWA has allowed for the creation of programs where sheriffs, police officers, judges, prosecutors, and service providers respond in a coordinated fashion so that victims' needs are addressed and offenders are prosecuted. Mr. Curran has helped to create a state-wide Family Violence Council which assembled judges, law enforcement, and other experts in order to improve responses to violence against women. In Maryland, VAWA funds have helped to train law enforcement and help them adopt preferred arrest policies; train prosecutors and provide for specially trained prosecution units focusing on violence against women; and provide training to the judiciary. To date, Maryland has received over \$20 million in VAWA funding.

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON JOINS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT
TO CALL FOR REAUTHORIZATION OF THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT**

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton today will join members of the law enforcement community and a bipartisan group of lawmakers to urge Congress to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). She will announce key law enforcement support for reauthorization and will highlight the progress of VAWA, releasing reports from the Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services documenting the success of the law. In addition, she will announce that the National Domestic Violence Hotline, established under VAWA, received nearly 500,000 calls from February 1996 to May 31, 2000. Finally, the First Lady will announce that Attorney General Janet Reno and Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala will call on their Cabinet colleagues to use their agency resources to address the problem of domestic violence. The Vice President also is joining the call for reauthorization, sending a letter to every Member of Congress asking them to make reauthorization a priority.

The First Lady will be joined by Attorney General Joseph Curran, Jr. of Maryland; Sheriff Kathy Witt of Fayette County, Kentucky; Rose Pulliam, associate director of the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Senator Barbara Boxer; and Rep. Constance Morella.

VAWA'S SUCCESS IN COMBATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Over the last seven years, the Clinton Administration has led an historic effort to reduce crime in our nation's communities and, in particular, to recognize and respond to the problem of violence against women. In 1994, with the First Lady's strong support, Congress passed the landmark Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) as part of the Administration's crime bill. The Act established new Federal criminal provisions and key grant programs to improve the criminal justice system's response to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, and to direct critical services to victims. Reports released today by DOJ and HHS show that these programs have awarded \$1.5 billion dollars in Federal grants to states to help law enforcement agencies and communities across the nation promote the safety of women and hold offenders accountable. These grants have supported the work of prosecutors, law enforcement officials, the courts, victim advocates, health care and social service professionals, and intervention and prevention programs.

A recent report by the Bureau of Justice Statistics shows that domestic violence has declined since 1993 and that VAWA programs are working. For example, the number of women

experiencing violence at the hands of an intimate partner declined 21 percent from 1993 to 1998. In addition, in 1996, 1997, and 1998, intimate partners committed fewer murders than in any year since 1976.

VAWA MUST BE REAUTHORIZED

Although tremendous strides have been made, domestic violence still devastates the lives of many women and children. Nearly one-third of women murdered each year are killed by their intimate partners, violence by intimates accounts for over 20 percent of all violent crimes against women, and women were raped and sexually assaulted 307,000 times in 1998 alone. If Congress fails to reauthorize VAWA, many critical programs may lose their funding. Reauthorization will help ensure that we maintain support of existing programs, expand the investigation and prosecution of crimes, provide greater numbers of victims with assistance, maintain and expand the domestic violence hotline, shelter, and rape prevention and education programs, and support creative partnerships between law enforcement, victim advocates and communities that have proven so effective. In addition, reauthorization will:

- Strengthen the VAWA criminal provisions;
- Expand protections of federal criminal laws and grant programs to women in dating relationships;
- Protect immigrant women and children from domestic violence;
- Enhance the full faith and credit provisions;
- Facilitate filing and service of protection orders; and
- Ensure that children remain in the custody of non-abusive parents.

LAW ENFORCEMENT RALLIES BEHIND REAUTHORIZATION

VAWA programs have provided tremendous support to law enforcement in their efforts to combat violence against women. DOJ has awarded more than \$800 million dollars in VAWA grants to law enforcement officials, prosecutors, victim advocates, and courts to address the problem of violence against women at the state, local, and tribal levels. These grants have enabled states to train personnel in handling cases of violence against women, increase prosecutions, assist victims, and build innovative partnerships between law enforcement, prosecutors, and victim services providers.

The First Lady today will stand with law enforcement to recognize the importance of VAWA to the law enforcement community. The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), the National Sheriffs Association, and the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) all support reauthorization. The First Lady also will release a resolution from NAAG in support of reauthorization, and a letter from IACP to President Clinton supporting reauthorization.

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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
FOR MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2000**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- On Monday, June 5, 2000, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will participate in a special session of the United Nations General Assembly marking the fifth anniversary of the UN Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing. Mrs. Clinton will deliver the keynote address at a forum hosted by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). She will outline the progress that governments, non-governmental organizations and the private sector have made in improving the status of women and girls since 1995. Following her remarks, she will participate in a panel discussion on microcredit and its contribution to improving the lives of poor women around the world.

At the Beijing conference in 1995, delegates from 189 member states approved a Platform for Action that set out specific objectives for governments, the international community, non-governmental organizations and the private sector in order to improve the economic, political, legal and social status of women and girls throughout the world. At the UN special session, delegates will report on progress made since 1995, reaffirm their commitment to the goals of the platform and make new commitments in areas that present challenges to women and girls today and in future generations.

Mrs. Clinton's address is a follow up to the keynote speech she delivered to the UN Women's Conference in Beijing in 1995. A longtime champion of women around the world, the First Lady serves as honorary chair of the President's Interagency Council on Women, which is charged with coordinating the implementation of the 1995 Platform for Action.

EVENT: Beijing + 5 Address
UNIFEM Forum on Microcredit
DATE: Monday, June 5, 2000
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: United Nations, New York UN Secretariat Building. First Avenue at 45th Street. Conference Room 4.

Press Notes:

Press will be permitted to pre-set at 12:30 p.m. Final access to the room is at 1:10 p.m. Press arriving after that time will not be admitted.

Credentialing:

This event is open only to press credentialed by the UN. To be credentialed, press and all crews must have a photo ID (preferably a passport) and a letter from an editor or bureau chief on company letterhead stating coverage plans and the job description and title of the individual. Credentialing will take place at the following locations:

Friday, June 2 – UN Credentialing Office in the UNITAR building at 1st and 45th Street (NW corner).

Saturday, June 3 to Monday, June 5 – Special UN credentialing trailer on the north lawn of UN headquarters.

Press are encouraged to obtain credentials over the weekend as lines are expected to be long on Monday.

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More than 500 Community Millennium Trails Designated by White House Millennium Council on National Trails Day, Saturday, June 3rd, 2000

WASHINGTON, DC -- Over 500 trails across the country will be honored by the White House Millennium Council as Community Millennium Trails on National Trails Day, Saturday, June 3rd. This 10th annual celebration of National Trails Day is notable as communities are coming together in the millennial year to create and preserve trails that connect people to their land, their history and their culture.

Millennium Trails, a national initiative to make trails part of America's legacy in the year 2000, is led by a public-private partnership including the Millennium Council, U.S. Department of Transportation, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, the American Express Company, the National Endowment for the Arts, and American Hiking Society, the organization which founded National Trails Day.

In a special National Trails Day message, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton said, "Millennium Trails are tangible gifts to the future that represent a commitment and an investment in the kind of nation we want to create in the 21st century. It is my hope that the energy that has sparked this growing national movement will be sustained and nurtured so that trails are a part of our nation's heritage for many generations to come."

This occasion will be marked by events including public ceremonies and festivals, trail clean-ups, group hikes and rides. The Trails named on this day will join the 16 National Millennium Trails and 50 Millennium Legacy Trails that have already been established around the country.

U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater said, "Transportation is about more than asphalt, concrete and steel, it's about people. Millennium Trails connect our nation's landscape, heritage and culture, and symbolize America's legacy for the new millennium."

For a detailed listing of National Trails Day events, and to search for events in your state, visit www.americanhiking.org. For additional information about the Millennium Trails program and information on events happening on other Millennium Trails in the year 2000, visit www.millenniumtrails.org, or call toll-free 1-877-MIL-TRLS. Trails may continue to apply on-line for Community Millennium Trail designation throughout the year via the Millennium Trails website.

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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2000**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- On Friday, June 2, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will host a reception at the White House for the Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies (FAPE). FAPE is a non-profit foundation established in 1986 to enhance the representation of American culture in U.S. embassies overseas. Over the past 14 years, FAPE has contributed funds for restoration projects and donated artwork to display at American embassies around the world.

At the reception, Mrs. Clinton will unveil an original seven-color lithograph, "The Stars and Stripes at the Speed of Light," created and donated to FAPE by the internationally renowned American artist, James Rosenquist. This limited edition lithograph will become part of FAPE's Original Print Collection and will be permanently placed in U.S. embassies around the world. FAPE will also announce major contributions to its millennium Gift to the Nation program.

EVENT: Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies Reception
DATE: Friday, June 2, 2000
TIME: 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: East Room
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Press Notes:
OPEN PRESS.

Pre-Set Escort from White House Briefing Room: 3:45 p.m.
Final Escort from White House Briefing Room: 4:45 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. All requests for credentials must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 1.

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