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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Thursday, September 30, 1999**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON  
ANNOUNCES A \$2 MILLION USAID HEALTH INITIATIVE**

OTTAWA—Today, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton announced a \$2 million grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to support an infectious disease initiative that will improve the health of children in Latin America and the Caribbean. Over the next three years, this new initiative will work towards combating antibiotic resistance.

In the Latin America and Caribbean region, diarrheal diseases and acute respiratory infections are the major cause of infant and child deaths and the use of antibiotics is extremely widespread. Inappropriate use of the antibiotic can lead to antibiotic resistance to those diseases.

Through this new initiative, USAID will collaborate with the Pan American Health Organization to improve the monitoring capacity to determine the magnitude and impact of antibiotic resistance in the region. USAID's program will also improve the capacity in these countries to train doctors and pharmacists in the correct way to administer prescription medicine.

The initial set of target countries include those where infectious diseases pose significant threats to child health and where effective treatment is most severely jeopardized by antibiotic resistance, including: Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, and Paraguay. These countries may change over the next three years as new information enables USAID to target additional problems in the region.

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**TRIP OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON  
TO WARSAW, POLAND; BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA; FLORENCE, ITALY; AND  
REKYJAVIK, ICELAND  
October 5, 1999 - October 10, 1999**

Washington, D.C. -- First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will travel to Poland, Slovakia, Italy, and Iceland from October 5, 1999 to October 10, 1999. Throughout the trip, the First Lady will underscore the importance -- as we approach the new millennium -- of working with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) on issues of civic participation, human rights and social investment; encouraging the economic empowerment of women; and preserving the world's cultural heritage for future generations.

In Warsaw, Poland, the First Lady will participate in the international conference, "Partners in Transition: Lessons for the Next Decade," hosted by the Republic of Poland and sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the German Marshall Fund of the United States. At the conference, leaders from the Baltic Republics, Central and Eastern Europe, and the newly independent countries of the former Soviet Union will discuss the challenges facing them as they continue their transformation to free market economies and democracies. The conference will provide an opportunity for these nations to forge partnerships and to share broad lessons and best practices to address these challenges. The First Lady will deliver a major address on encouraging the development of civil society and democracy.

In addition, Mrs. Clinton will meet with the President and Prime Minister of Poland. She will visit a newly established school to serve Jewish children, and participate in a roundtable discussion with small business owners at a local textile factory to highlight the economic empowerment of women and microenterprise development.

In Bratislava, Slovakia, the First Lady will attend a meeting with Slovak NGOs to applaud the contributions they have made to civil society and democracy since Mrs. Clinton's last visit in June, 1996. Mrs. Clinton also will meet with Slovak Republic President Rudolf Schuster and Prime Minister Mikulas Dzurinda, as well as representatives from the newly formed coalition government.

In Florence, the First Lady will address the "Conference on Financing, Resources, and the Economics of Cultural and Sustainable Development," sponsored by the Government of Italy, and the World Bank, in cooperation with UNESCO. Building on her work in development and preservation, Mrs. Clinton will focus her remarks on strategies to support culture and sustainable development.

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The First Lady will travel to Reykjavik, Iceland to deliver the keynote address at the "Conference on Women and Democracy at the Dawn of the New Millennium." The conference is hosted by the government of Iceland and co-sponsored by the Nordic Council and the United States government. The conference builds on the First Lady's Vital Voices initiative to encourage the full participation of women in all aspects of political and economic life. The Reykjavik conference will provide an opportunity for women from the Baltic Republics and Russia to partner with American and Scandinavian leaders in government and private sectors in order to enhance economic opportunities and political participation. The First Lady spoke at the first Vital Voices Conference in Vienna, Austria in July 1997; and subsequent conferences in Belfast, in September 1998; and in Montevideo, Uruguay in October 1998.

In addition, the United States and Iceland have formed a Millennium Working Group and have been working together on several programs to highlight our shared history through exhibitions and cultural celebrations. Mrs. Clinton will also highlight this partnership during her visit.

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Editor's Note: The First Lady will be in Warsaw, Poland October 5; in Bratislava on October 6; in Florence, Italy, on October 7; and in Reykjavik, Iceland, from October 8 to October 10. Details on Mrs. Clinton's schedule and press coverage of her events during the trip will be released separately.

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**SCHEDULE OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON FOR  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1999**

Washington, D.C. -- On Thursday, September 30, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will travel to Ottawa, Canada, to participate in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas. The First Lady will be accompanied by Small Business Administrator Aida Alvarez. Administrator Alvarez will represent the United States at the conference after Mrs. Clinton's departure.

In addition, the First Lady will visit the new American embassy being built in Ottawa. Mrs. Clinton will participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to dedicate a sculpture, by artist Joel Shapiro, in the courtyard of the new building.

**EVENT:** Arrival at Ottawa International Airport  
**TIME:** 8:15 a.m.  
**DATE:** Thursday, September 30, 1999  
**LOCATION:** Ottawa International Airport  
Hangar 11 - Canada Welcome Center  
Ottawa, Canada

**Press Notes:**

This event is open press. Press must arrive between 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. Press must show standard press identification to gain access. Please note: Press covering the airport arrival will not be able to cover the opening session of the conference.

**EVENT:** Photo-Op of Opening Session of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas  
**TIME:** 8:45 a.m.  
**DATE:** Thursday, September 30, 1999  
**LOCATION:** Westin Hotel  
Banquet Level  
Confederation I and Provinces I-II Ballrooms  
Ottawa, Canada

**Press Notes:**

Photo-op is open press for cameras and still photographers only. In-house television cameras will feed live to the press filing center at the Congress Centre. Lighting and mult box provided. The on-site contact is Lisa Strasburg.

**Credentialing Information:**

For information on receiving press credentials to cover the conference and have access to the Congress Centre, please contact Rachel Messier at (613) 944-0924.

**EVENT:** Address by Mrs. Clinton to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas

**TIME:** 11:20 a.m. (approximate)

**DATE:** Thursday, September 30, 1999

**LOCATION:** Westin Hotel  
Banquet Level  
Confederation I and Provinces I-II Ballrooms  
Ottawa, Canada

**Press Notes:**

Closed to media except official, in-house television. Remarks will be televised and fed (sound may not be broadcast quality) to the press filing center. Simultaneous translation. The on-site contact is Lisa Strasburg.

**EVENT:** Dedication of Sculpture at New American Embassy

**TIME:** 12:25 p.m.

**DATE:** Thursday, September 30, 1999

**LOCATION:** American Embassy Event  
MacKenzie St.  
Ottawa, Canada

**Press Notes:**

This event is open press. No pre-credentialing required. Press must show standard press identification to gain access. Lighting and mult box provided.

**Pre-Set:** 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Final Access:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The on-site contact is Lisa Strasburg.

**Editor's Note:** The First Lady will depart Ottawa for New York in the afternoon. Please contact the Exploratory Committee Office at 212-239-2000 for information on Mrs. Clinton's schedule in New York.

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**9<sup>th</sup> Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas**  
**Ottawa, Canada**  
**Background on First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's Involvement**

On September 30, 1999, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will participate in the 9th Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas, building on active involvement in issues relating to children and women in the Western Hemisphere and marking her fifth consecutive year of participation in this annual Conference.

On December 10, 1994, as President Clinton hosted the Summit of the Americas in Miami, Mrs. Clinton invited all the First Ladies attending the Summit to join her at a parallel convening focused on children's issues. The *Symposium on Children of the Americas* examined how the Summit of the Americas agenda and plan of action addressed the health and education needs of children. There, the First Ladies committed themselves to working toward the Summit's health and education goals.

The Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas is an annual meeting, which brings together First Ladies or designated representatives of the countries of North, South, and Central America, as well as the Caribbean, to focus on critical social topics -- particularly affecting women and children -- and to share information on effective programs and strategies. After the Miami Summit, Mrs. Clinton accepted the invitation of the First Lady of Paraguay to participate in the 5th of Conference, marking the first time that a First Lady from North America would attend this event. On March 24, 1995, Mrs. Clinton wrote a letter to each First Lady of the Western Hemisphere, recommending participation in the Paraguay Conference and suggesting that three critical topics discussed at the Miami Symposium be added to the agenda -- measles elimination, maternal mortality reduction, and education reform.

In her letter, Mrs. Clinton urged the First Ladies of the region to be involved in the measles elimination program coordinated by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), and specifically, to participate in the launch of PAHO measles elimination campaigns in their own countries. On April 7, 1995, at the national PAHO headquarters in Washington, D.C., Mrs. Clinton gave the keynote address at the national launch of this effort and announced new USAID assistance to the campaign to eliminate the disease in the Americas by the year 2000.

On October 16, 1995, Mrs. Clinton traveled to Asuncion, Paraguay and gave a keynote address at the 5th Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas. There, she also announced the formation of the Partnership for Education Revitalization in the Americas known by its Spanish acronym (PREAL), a project called for at the Miami Summit to provide assistance for the sharing of education reform best practices in the region.

On December 3, 1996, Mrs. Clinton traveled to La Paz, Bolivia, to participate in the 6th Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas, again giving a keynote address and urging the First Ladies of the Americas to continue their work on behalf of women

and children in the region. At the Bolivia Conference, Mrs. Clinton announced a U.S.-funded hemispheric partnership to reduce maternal mortality. There, she and Bolivia's then First Lady, Mrs. Sanchez de Lozada, witnessed the signing of a \$2.25 million USAID grant to PAHO, for regional activities of the Maternal Mortality Reduction Initiative.

On October 8-9, 1997, the Conference was held in Panama City, Panama. There, Mrs. Clinton focused her participation on promoting women's political participation and human rights. Also in Panama, Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Perez de Balladares, the First Lady of Panama, witnessed the signing of a USAID grant of \$4.7 million over 3 years, to the Inter-American Institute on Human Rights (IHR), a Latin American organization dedicated to promoting respect for human rights and the consolidation of democracy throughout the Americas through research, education, training and technical assistance to governments, regional organizations and non-governmental organizations (see separate USAID press release on the grant signing). Mrs. Clinton's involvement with the IHR included a visit to IHR headquarters in Costa Rica on May 8, 1997. There, she and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright participated in roundtable discussion with IHR leadership and women who are human rights leaders from Central America to discuss the status of human rights in the region.

Last year, on September 28-30, 1999, the Conference, entitled, "The Americas Pave Today the Way for the Year 2000," was hosted in Santiago, Chile. Mrs. Clinton addressed the convening on "Promoting Women's Rights to Full Participation in Society and Supporting Civil Society." In addition, Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Frei, the First Lady of Chile, hosted a ceremony to witness the signing of two USAID grants. The first, a \$5.0 million grant with the International City/County Management Association and the National League of Cities, is aimed at strengthening and supporting local governments through Latin America, a goal of the Second Summit of the Americas. The second grant, which also stemmed from Summit commitments, supports a U.S.-Chile Scholarship program dedicated to improving programs developing in the nations of the Hemisphere in the areas of poverty alleviation, democracy strengthening, education, and economic integration. Mrs. Clinton also announced a new commitment by Merck & Co., the pharmaceutical company. Participating in an initiative sponsored by Mrs. Frei in which artists from around the Hemisphere joined at the Conference to produce artwork and work with Chilean children, Mrs. Clinton invited Mr. Jesse Trevino, a realist painter from San Antonio, Texas, to represent the United States.

This year, the 9th Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas will be held in Ottawa, Canada on September 30-October 1. It will focus on two themes, "A Healthy Start: Investing in Children 0-6," and "Women's Health." Mrs. Clinton will address the Conference on the first day of the plenary session, on September 30<sup>th</sup>, focusing her remarks on efforts to support children in the Hemisphere, emphasizing progress made over the past many years and outlining challenges to be addressed in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. She will announce a new USAID initiative, in partnership with the Pan American Health Organization, to protect the effectiveness of drugs against infectious diseases in the hemisphere, particularly diarrhea and respiratory infections, which are the two major health problems facing children.

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON TRAVELS  
TO OTTAWA, CANADA,  
ATTENDS 9th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF WIVES OF HEADS OF STATE AND  
GOVERNMENT OF THE AMERICAS  
September 30, 1999**

Washington, D.C. -- On Thursday, September 30, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will travel to Ottawa, Canada, to participate in the 9th Annual Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas. The First Lady has attended this annual conference each year since 1995.

The conference will bring together more than thirty women leaders from the countries of North, South and Central America, as well as the Caribbean, to discuss critical social issues and common challenges, particularly affecting women and children. This year, the themes of the conference are: *"A Healthy Start: Investing in Children 0-6"* and *"Women's Health."* Mrs. Clinton's participation builds on years of active involvement -- both at home and abroad -- in advocating for improving access to quality health care, emphasizing the importance of the early years in children's development, and promoting human rights and the economic empowerment for women across the globe.

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Editor's Note: Details of the First Lady's schedule in Ottawa will be released as soon as available. For information on receiving press credentials to cover the conference, please contact Rachel Messier at (613) 944-0924.

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**THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. CLINTON HONOR THE 1999 NATIONAL MEDAL OF  
ARTS RECIPIENTS AND THE 1999 NATIONAL MEDAL OF HUMANITIES  
RECIPIENTS AT A WHITE HOUSE DINNER**

Washington, D.C. -- On Wednesday, September 29, 1999, President and Mrs. Clinton are hosting the recipients of the National Endowment for the Arts' 1999 National Medal of the Arts and the recipients of the National Endowment for the Humanities' 1999 National Humanities Medal at a White House black tie dinner.

Guests will be seated in the State Dining Room. The tables will be set with Ronald Reagan china. Kennedy Morgantown crystal and gold vermeil flatware will be set on Pomegranate Bonaventure tablecloths. The centerpieces are designed with a gold pedestal filled with wartah protea (fireball), ambiance roses, mont bretia pods, cone flower, bosc pears and star fruit, and red celosia.

Following dinner, guests and awardees will be entertained by celebrated violinist Midori in the East Room. Acclaimed for her fierce precision and flawless intonation, Midori has received numerous honors, including a 1990 Grammy nomination. In 1992, she founded Midori & Friends (The Midori Foundation), a non-profit organization that provides concerts, music education and instrument instruction to children who might not otherwise have the opportunity to be directly involved with the arts.

Midori will be accompanied by celebrated pianist Robert McDonald. Robert McDonald performs extensively worldwide as a solo recitalist and as a recital partner to Isaac Stern and Midori, among other artists. He has a strong commitment to music education and serves on the piano faculties of The Juilliard School and the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore.

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Please see list of award recipients, dinner menu, and entertainment information attached. Guest list will be released separately as soon as possible.

**The 1999 National Medal of Arts recipients are:**

**Irene Diamond**, arts patron, New York, NY  
**Aretha Franklin**, singer, Birmingham, MI  
**Michael Graves**, architect, designer, Princeton, NJ  
**Odetta**, singer, music historian, New York, NY  
**The Juilliard School**, performing arts school, New York, NY  
**Norman Lear**, producer, writer, director, advocate, Los Angeles, CA  
**Rosetta LeNoire**, actress, producer, Bronx, NY  
**Harvey Lichtenstein**, arts administrator, New York, NY  
**Lydia Mendoza**, singer, San Antonio, TX  
**George Segal**, sculptor, North Brunswick, NJ  
**Maria Tallchief**, ballerina, Highland Park, IL

**The 1999 National Humanities Medal recipients are:**

**Patricia M. Battin**, librarian and conservator, Washington, DC  
**Taylor Branch**, historian of the civil rights era, Baltimore, MD  
**Jacquelyn Dowd Hall**, scholar of the New South, Chapel Hill, NC  
**Garrison Keillor**, radio host and author, St. Paul, MN  
**Jim Lehrer**, journalist and TV news anchor, Washington, DC  
**John Rawls**, political philosopher, Lexington, MA  
**Steven Spielberg**, filmmaker, Los Angeles, CA  
**August Wilson**, playwright, Seattle, WA

**DINNER IN RECOGNITION OF THE 1999 RECIPIENTS OF THE  
NATIONAL MEDAL OF ARTS  
and the  
NATIONAL HUMANITIES MEDAL**

**Menu**

*Seared Chilean Sea Bass  
Sweet Garlic Custard  
Tamarind Broth*

*Rack of Lamb  
Braised Legumes and Harvest Squash  
Pear and Armagnac Sauce*

*Salad of Herbs and Autumn Greens  
Potato-Turnip Gratin with Goat Cheese  
Wild Leek Dressing*

*"Autumn Fantasy"  
Cranberry Sherbet, Banana Parfait and Poached Pear  
Warm Sour Cherries in Golden Leaves*

**Wines**

Pride Mountain Viognier 1998  
Pahlmeyer Merlot 1995  
Iron Horse "Millennium Cuvee" 1994

## **Entertainment:**

### **MIDORI**

Violinist Midori, whose unique talents and lively personality have brought her critical acclaim in the music world and the media, has consistently made personal and artistic growth the focus of her life. In 1992, she founded Midori & Friends (The Midori Foundation), a non-profit organization that provides concerts, music education and instrument instruction to children who might not otherwise have the opportunity to be directly involved with the arts. Midori seeks to help children learn about different cultures, the communication between them, and the discipline and rewards of dedication. Midori & Friends has greatly increased the scope of its activities, which are concentrated in New York City public elementary schools and Japan.

Born in Osaka, Japan, in 1971, Midori began studying the violin at a very early age with her mother, Setsu Goto. By the time she was 9, Midori was attending The Juilliard School's pre-college division in New York. She has since worked with such eminent artists as Claudio Abbado, Vladimir Ashkenazy, Leonard Bernstein, Yo-Yo Ma, Zubin Mehta and Isaac Stern. Acclaimed for her fierce precision and flawless intonation, Midori has received numerous honors, including a 1990 Grammy nomination, the Los Angeles Music Center's Dorothy B. Chandler Performing Arts Award and New York State's Asian-American Heritage Month Award.

### **ROBERT MCDONALD**

American pianist Robert McDonald performs extensively worldwide as a solo recitalist and as a recital partner to Isaac Stern and Midori, among other artists. He has a strong commitment to music education and serves on the piano faculties of The Juilliard School and the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore. Mr. McDonald hosts piano and chamber music master classes at prominent universities, music schools and festivals in North America, Japan and Europe. Among numerous honors, he has won the Gold Medal at the Busoni International Piano Competition in Italy, the William Kapell International Competition and the Washington International Competition. Mr. McDonald is the recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Solo Recitalist Grant.

September 29, 1999 (6:37 PM)

**EMBARGOED UNTIL [4:00 PM SEPTEMBER 29/1999]**

**ARTS AND HUMANITIES DINNER**  
Wednesday, September 29, 1999

**THE PRESIDENT and MRS. CLINTON**

1999 National Medal of Arts Recipients

Irene Diamond  
Aretha Franklin  
Michael Graves  
The Juilliard School  
Norman Lear  
Rosetta LeNoire  
Harvey Lichtenstein  
Lydia Mendoza  
Miss Odetta  
George Segal  
Maria Tallchief

1999 Medal of Humanities Recipients

Patricia Battin  
Taylor Branch  
Jacquelyn Dowd Hall  
Garrison Keillor  
Jim Lehrer  
John Rawls  
Steven Spielberg  
August Wilson

Mr. Douglas C. Ahlers; Owner and CEO, Leirum Corporation and  
Co-Chairman, Modem Media-Poppe Tyson  
Ms. Linda Mitchell Johnson; Operations Manager, Leirum Corporation (guest)

Hon. Bruce Babbitt; Secretary of the Interior

Ms. Patricia Battin; Librarian  
Mr. Thomas Meyer Battin; Computer Specialist (son)

Hon. (Sen.) Robert Bennett; R/Utah  
Mrs. Joyce Bennett

Hon. Sidney Blumenthal; Assistant to the President

Hon. John Brademas; Chairman, The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities  
Dr. Mary Ellen Brademas

Mr. Taylor Branch; Author

Ms. Christina Macy; Former White House Speechwriter

Mr. Jonathan Capehart; Editorial Writer, Editorial Board, New York Daily News

Mr. Giuseppe Lignano; Partner, LOT/EK Architecture (guest)

Mrs. Betsy Cohn; Arts Patron and Political Activist

Mr. Alan Cohn; Managing Director, Schroder & Company, Inc.

Ms. Kinshasha Holman Conwill; Director, The Studio Museum in Harlem and  
Chair, Board of Directors, The Institute of Museum and Library Services

Mrs. Mariella Holman (mother)

Dr. Jessica Davis; Director, Arts in Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education

Mr. William Davis; Chairman of the Board, The Berklee College of Music

Ms. Thulani Davis; Playwright and Novelist

Ms. Joan E. Davis (cousin)

Mrs. Irene Diamond; President, The Irene Diamond Fund

Mr. Vincent McGee; Vice President, The Irene Diamond Fund (guest)

Hon. (Rep.) Norman Dicks; D/Washington

Mrs. Suzie Dicks; General Secretary for the United States Capitol Historical Society

Mr. Alfred Engelberg; Trustee, The Engelberg Foundation

Mrs. Gail Engelberg; Trustee, The Engelberg Foundation

Hon. William R. Ferris; Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities

Mrs. Marcie Ferris

Ms. Aretha Franklin; Recording Artist and Author

Mr. Teddy Richards II (son)

Ms. Erma V. Franklin; Developer, Boyssville of Michigan (sister)

Mr. Jay R. Gates; Director, The Phillips Collection

Mrs. Susan Gates

Mr. Mark Gitenstein; Partner, Mayer, Brown & Platt

Mrs. Elizabeth Gitenstein

Ms. Marian A. Godfrey; Director, Culture Program, The Pew Charitable Trusts

Mr. Roche Schuller; Executive Director, The Goodman Theatre (guest)

Mr. Michael Graves; Architect

Ms. Lynn Min; Architect (guest)

Dr. Jacquelyn Dowd Hall; Women's History Scholar and

Director, The Southern Oral History Program, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Dr. Robert R. Korstad; Historian, The Sanford Institute of Public Policy, Duke University

Mr. Craig Hatkoff; Vice Chairman, Capital Trust

Ms. Jane Rosenthal; Co-Founder and Producer, Tribeca Films

Mrs. Ronnie F. Heyman; Council Member, National Council on the Arts

Mr. Samuel J. Heyman; Chairman, The GAF Corporation

Hon. (Rep.) Maurice D. Hinchey; D/New York

Hon. Fred P. Hochberg; Deputy Administrator, Small Business Administration

Mr. Thomas P. Healy (guest)

Hon. (Rep.) Stephen Horn; R/California

Mrs. Nini Horn

Hon. William J. Ivey; Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts

Ms. Mary Gormley (guest)

Dr. Michael Kammen; Professor of American History and Culture, Cornell University and

Past President, Organization of American Historians

Mrs. Carol Kammen; Senior Lecturer in History, Cornell University

Mr. Garrison Keillor; Author

Ms. Jenny Lind Nilsson; Violinist

Mr. Peter Kovler; Director, Marjorie Kovler Fund

Dr. Judy Lansing Kovler; Psychotherapist

Dr. Richard Kurin; Director, Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage

Mrs. Allyn Kurin

Mr. Miguel Lausell; Chairman of the Board, Strategy Group International

Ms. Maxinné Lausell; Drama Student, Catholic University (daughter)

Ms. Kate Lear; Writer (daughter of Mr. Norman Lear)

Dr. Jonathan LaPook; Gastroenterologist

Mr. Jim Lehrer; Journalist and Author

Mrs. Kate Lehrer; Author

Ms. Rosetta LeNoire; Actress and Producer, AMAS Musical Theatre

Ms. Donna Trinkoff; Producing Director, AMAS Musical Theatre (guest)

Mr. Harvey Lichtenstein; President Emeritus, Brooklyn Academy of Music

Mrs. Phyllis Lichtenstein

Hon. (Rep.) Nita Lowey; D/New York

Mr. Stephen Lowey; Attorney

Hon. Ellen McCulloch-Lovell; Deputy Assistant to the President and

Advisor to the First Lady on the Millennium

Ms. Anne F. Donovan; Deputy Director, White House Millennium Council (guest)

Mr. Robert McDonald; Pianist

Hon. George McGovern; Ambassador to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization  
and Former Senator, South Dakota  
Dr. Eleanor McGovern

Mrs. Lydia Mendoza; Singer  
Mrs. Yolanda Hernandez (daughter)

Midori; Violinist  
Mr. Byron Gustafson; Executive Vice President; ICM Artists, Ltd.

Mrs. Patricia Mossel; Executive Director, The Washington Opera  
Mr. John W. Mossel; John W. Mossel Associates

Miss Odetta; Singer and Music Historian  
Mr. Douglas A. Yeager; President, Douglas A. Yeager Productions, Ltd. (guest)

Mr. Robert A. Peck; Commissioner for Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration  
Ms. Lynn Palmer; Manager of Business Retention for the Washington, DC Marketing Center

Dr. Joseph W. Polisi; President, The Juilliard School  
Mrs. Elizabeth Polisi

Ms. Tina Ramirez; Artistic Director, Ballet Hispanico of New York  
Ms. Jody Gottfried Arnhold; Chairman of the Board, Ballet Hispanico of New York (guest)

Mrs. John Rawls  
Mr. Robert Lee Rawls (son)

The Secretary of Education  
Mrs. Tunky Riley

Mr. Lawrence Robbins; Partner, Mayer, Brown & Platt  
Ms. Leslie Danoff; Freelance Writer and Documentary Filmmaker

Mrs. Refugio Rochin; The Center for Latino Initiatives, Smithsonian Institution  
Mr. Manuel J. Melendez; Congressional Liaison, Smithsonian Institution (guest)

Hon. William D. Rollnick; Commissioner General, Expo 2000 and  
Special Envoy and Personal Representative of the President  
Hon. Nancy Ellison; Deputy Commissioner General, Expo 2000

Mr. George Segal; Sculptor  
Mrs. Helen Segal

Hon. Ann E. Sheffer; Member, President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities  
William Scheffler, Esq.

Maestro Leonard Slatkin; Music Director, National Symphony Orchestra  
Mrs. Linda Hohenfeld Slatkin

Hon. (Rep.) Louise Slaughter; D/New York  
Mr. Roger Mott; Director, Federal Governmental Affairs, AT&T (guest)

Ms. Anne-Marie Soulliere; Foundation Director, Fidelity Investments  
Mr. Bruce MacCombie; Dean, School for the Arts, Boston University (guest)

Mr. Steven Spielberg; Co-Principal, DreamWorks  
Mrs. Kate Capshaw Spielberg; Actress

Mr. Richard J. Stern; Managing Partner, Stern Joint Venture, LP

Mr. George Stevens, Jr.; Filmmaker and Founder of The American Film Institute  
Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens; Commissioner, White House Fellows Program

Mr. Peter Stone; Playwright  
Mrs. Mary Stone

Ms. Maria Tallchief; Prima Ballerina  
Dr. Elise Paschen; Executive Director, The Poetry Society of America (daughter)

Mrs. Blaine Trump; Vice Chair, God's Love We Deliver  
Mr. Robert Trump; President, Trump Management, Inc.

Hon. Melanne Verveer; Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady  
Mr. Philip Verveer; Partner, Willkie Farr & Gallagher

Mr. August Wilson; Playwright  
Ms. Constanza Romero; Costume Designer

Mr. Joseph T. Wilson; Executive Director, National Council on the Traditional Arts  
Ms. Kathryn M. James

For Planning Purposes Only  
September 28, 1999

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*Time Line for September 29, 1999*

Washington DC -- The following is a tentative time-line of press coverage for the White House Dinner to be given in honor of the 1999 National Medal of Arts Recipients and the 1999 National Medal of Humanities Recipients, on September 29, 1999.

Attire Note: Press must wear either dark business attire (tux optional).  
Timeline Note: Logistical movements in regular type, press events in **bold**.

- 6:45 p.m. Escort from press briefing room to Booksellers area for those interested in covering the arrivals of guests attending the Dinner.
- 7:35 p.m. Escort of in-house press pool from briefing room to the White House Grand Foyer for the receiving line.
- 7:45 p.m. **Announcement of President and Mrs. Clinton, down the Grand Staircase and commencement of receiving line.**  
**IN-HOUSE PRESS POOL ONLY**
- 8:15 p.m. Upon conclusion of the receiving line, the in-house press pool will pre-position outside of the State Dining Room for pre-dinner toasts.
- 8:20 p.m. **Toast by President Clinton**  
**IN-HOUSE PRESS POOL ONLY**  
Note: Upon conclusion of the toasts, the pool will be escorted back to the briefing room.
- 9:35 p.m. In-house press pool covering the entertainment segment of the dinner will be escorted from the press briefing room to the East Room.
- 9:45 p.m. **Entertainment begins (Television lights will be up for the President's remarks only)**  
**IN-HOUSE PRESS POOL**
- 10:10 p.m. **Performance concludes. President makes closing remarks.**  
**IN-HOUSE PRESS POOL**
- 10:15 p.m. In-house press pool escorted to the press briefing room.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
September 27, 1999

CONTACT: MARSHA BERRY  
TOBY GRAFF  
202/456-2960

**RE-SENDING: UPDATED PRESS SCHEDULE OF THE FIRST LADY  
FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1999**

Washington, D.C. -- On Tuesday, September 28, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will attend the National Prayer Breakfast with the President.

Following the breakfast, the First Lady will participate with Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA), Representative Bonior (D-MI/10th) and Labor Secretary Alexis Herman in an event to support legislative action to increase the minimum wage and highlight a new report demonstrating how critical a minimum wage increase is for working women. Senator Kennedy and Representative Bonior are the authors of legislation to increase the federal minimum wage by \$1.00 by January 1, 2001.

Mrs. Clinton also will present with NEA Chairman Bill Ivey the 1999 National Heritage Fellowships.

In addition, the First Lady will mark just under 100 days until the new millennium by detailing plans for "America's Millennium: A Celebration for the Nation." The First Lady will be joined by Washington D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams and producer George Stevens to announce key activities of the spectacular, family-oriented celebration to ring in the new year in our nation's capital. "America's Millennium" is a cooperative effort of the White House Millennium Council, the National Park Service, the Smithsonian Institution, and the National Park Foundation.

**EVENT:** Minimum Wage Event  
**TIME:** 11:15 a.m.  
**DATE:** Tuesday, September 28, 1999  
**LOCATION:** Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Room 430  
Washington, DC

**Press Notes:**

This event is open press. Mult box and some lighting provided. Press should bring standard press identification to gain access to this event. Press must arrive no later than 10:15 a.m. Throw is approximately 35'. The on-site contact is Tom Smith.

**EVENT:** Presentation of the 1999 National Heritage Fellowships  
**TIME:** 12:15 p.m.  
**DATE:** Tuesday, September 28, 1999  
**LOCATION:** Rayburn House Office Building  
Gold Room -- Rm. 2168

Washington, DC

**Press Notes:**

This event is open press. No lighting or mult. Press should bring standard press identification to gain access to this event.

Pre-Set: 9:30 a.m. (note: there is a reception beginning at 10:30 a.m.)  
Final Access: 11:30 a.m.

The on-site contact is Yael Belkind. For more information on the National Heritage Fellowships, please contact Cherie Simon of the NEA at 202-682-5570.

**EVENT:** Event to Detail Plans for "America's Millennium"  
**TIME:** 1:00 p.m.  
**DATE:** Tuesday, September 28, 1999  
**LOCATION:** Presidential Hall – Room 450  
Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, DC

**Press Notes:**

This event is open press. Lighting and mult box provided.

First Escort from White House Briefing Room: 11:45 a.m.  
Final Escort from White House Briefing Room: 12:45 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.

Editor's Note: Please see the President's press schedule for details on coverage of the Prayer Breakfast. For information on Mrs. Clinton's evening schedule in New York, please contact the Hillary Rodham Clinton for U.S. Senate Exploratory Committee at 212-239-2000.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
September 27, 1999

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**Editor's Note:** In the morning, Mrs. Clinton will attend the National Prayer Breakfast with the President; participate in an event to support legislative action for an increase to the minimum wage; and present with NEA Chairman Bill Ivey the 1999 National Heritage Fellowships. Details on press coverage of those events will be released separately as soon as available.

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**PRESIDENT CLINTON TO MAKE REMARKS  
AT THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE'S 13TH ANNUAL AWARDS  
DINNER**

**Washington Hilton Ballroom**

*September 23, 1999*

Today, President Clinton, accompanied by the First Lady, will make remarks at the National Democratic Institute's 13th Annual Awards Dinner. The First Lady and Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze will receive the W. Averell Harriman Democracy Award.

The National Democratic Institute is honoring the First Lady in recognition of her efforts to bring global attention and support to democratic transitions worldwide, especially for her work in representing women's issues. The international recipient, President Shevardnadze, is being honored for the progress Georgia has made under his leadership in building an independent, democratic state.

Approximately 650 people will attend the dinner, including Department of Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, Senator Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.), along with Senior Administration officials, members of Congress, the diplomatic corps, and the business, labor and foreign policy communities.

**Order of Events**

The President and the First Lady, President Eduard Shevardnadze, and Nanuli Shevardnadze are announced into the room.

Kenneth Wollack makes welcoming remarks.

Dinner is served.

The President and the First Lady, accompanied by the program participants, proceed to stage.

Chairman Paul Kirk makes brief remarks and introduces Senator Edward Kennedy.

Senator Edward Kennedy presents the W. Averell Harriman

Democracy Award to President Eduard Shevardnadze.

President Eduard Shevardnadze makes remarks. Interpretation: Consecutive

Paul Kirk introduces Monica McWilliams.

Monica McWilliams presents the W. Averell Harriman Democracy Award to the First Lady.

The First Lady makes remarks.

Kenneth Wollack introduces the President.

The President makes brief remarks.

Kenneth Wollack makes closing remarks.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
September 17, 1999

CONTACT: MARSHA BERRY  
TOBY GRAFF  
JULIE MASON  
202/456-2960

**PRESS SCHEDULE OF THE FIRST LADY  
FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1999**

Washington, D.C. -- On Saturday, September 18, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will travel to New York City to attend the Enthronement Service of the new Greek Orthodox Archbishop of America, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios. Following the Service, Mrs. Clinton will speak at the Enthronement Luncheon in honor of His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios.

**EVENT:** Enthronement Service of new Greek Orthodox Archbishop of America  
**TIME:** 11:00 a.m.  
**DATE:** Saturday, September 18, 1999  
**LOCATION:** Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity  
319 E. 74th St. (Bet. 1st and 2nd Ave.)  
New York, NY

**Press Notes:**

This event is open press. Lighting and mult provided. Throw is approximately 50'.

Pre-Set: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.  
Final Access: 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

The on-site contact is Doug Smith.

**Credentialing Information:**

Press must pre-register for credentials by contacting Liz Economou at (212) 774-0283. Credentials will be available Saturday morning at Holy Trinity Cathedral (319 E. 74th St.) for accredited media beginning at 10:00 a.m. Due to limited space, electronic media is encouraged to use the satellite feed of the entire event.

**Satellite Coordinates:**

Satellite GE3-Transponder K14  
Saturday, September 18, 1999  
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
For more information, contact Nick Furriss at 904-571-5692

**EVENT:** Enthronement Luncheon  
**TIME:** 1:00 p.m.

DATE: Saturday, September 18, 1999  
LOCATION: Waldorf Astoria Hotel  
Grand Ballroom  
New York, NY

**Press Notes:**

This event is open press. Press must use the Lexington Ave. entrance to the Grand Ballroom. There will be a press check-in outside of the ballroom. Lighting and mult provided.

Pre-Set: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Final Access: 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The on-site contact is Doug Smith.

**Credentialing Information:**

Press must pre-register for credentials by contacting Liz Economou at (212) 774-0283.

**Editor's Note:** Following the luncheon, the First Lady will return to Washington, DC. In the evening, she will attend the Congressional Black Caucus Dinner with the President. For details on press coverage of the dinner, please see the President's press schedule.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
September 14, 1999

CONTACT: MARSHA BERRY  
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JULIE MASON  
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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF THE FIRST LADY  
FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1999**

Washington, D.C. -- On Wednesday, September 15, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will address the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gala. The First Lady will join Vice President Al Gore at this annual celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

**EVENT:** Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gala  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.  
**DATE:** Wednesday, September 15, 1999  
**LOCATION:** The Washington Hilton  
International Ballroom  
1919 Connecticut Ave. NW  
Washington, DC

**Press Notes:**

This event is open press. To pre-register for credentials, please contact Juan Herrera at 546-2143. Press must show standard press identification to gain access. There will be a press check-in outside of the ballroom. Lighting and mult provided. Throw is approximately 75'.

Pre-Set: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Final Access: 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The on-site contact is Brandon Thomas.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
September 3, 1999

CONTACT: MARSHA BERRY  
TOBY GRAFF  
JULIE MASON  
202/456-2960

**PRESS SCHEDULE OF THE FIRST LADY  
FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1999**

Washington, D.C. -- On Tuesday, September 7, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will convene a meeting of representatives from the U.S. government, multinational institutions, foundations and corporations to explore strategies to better address the international AIDS crisis. Although many countries throughout the world are now acknowledging AIDS control and prevention as a public health priority, a serious crisis remains and more needs to be done. AIDS related diseases have killed more than 14 million men, women and children -- mostly in Africa where more than 5,000 deaths are reported each day. By 2010, 40 million children will have been orphaned by HIV/AIDS. It is hoped that this meeting will lead to new initiatives and partnerships to combat the plague of HIV/AIDS around the world.

**EVENT:** Meeting on International AIDS Strategy  
**TIME:** 10:30 a.m.  
**DATE:** Tuesday, September 3, 1999  
**LOCATION:** The Roosevelt Room  
The White House

**Press Notes:**

There will be a pool spray at the top of the meeting for the First Lady's opening remarks (nets can cover unilaterally, independent tv pool is CSPAN, Wire photogs. only). Mult is provided. No riser or lighting provided. There will be an escort from the White House Briefing Room to pre-set equipment at 9:15 a.m. and a final escort at 10:20 a.m.

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**AIDS Convening**  
**September 7, 1999**  
***Participants List***

**Clinton Administration**

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

Secretary Donna Shalala  
Department of Health and Human Services

The Honorable David Satcher  
Surgeon General

Secretary Lawrence Summers  
Department of the Treasury

Administrator Brady Anderson  
US Agency for International Development

The Honorable Leon Fuerth  
Assistant to the Vice President for National Security Affairs  
The White House

The Honorable Sandy Thurman  
Director  
National AIDS Policy Office  
The White House

Ms. Gayle Smith  
Senior Director for African Affairs  
National Security Council  
The White House

Under Secretary Frank Loy  
Under Secretary for Global Affairs  
Department of State

Melanne Verveer  
Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady  
The White House

Dr. Ken Bernard  
International Health Affairs  
National Security Council  
The White House

## Multinational Organizations

Mr. James Wolfensohn  
President  
World Bank

Ms. Jan Piercy  
The Executive Director of the United States  
The World Bank

Dr. Peter Piot  
Executive Director  
Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS

## Foundations

Dr. Timothy Evans  
Team Director for Health Services  
The Rockefeller Foundation

Mr. Aryeh Neier  
President Soros Foundations Network  
Open Society Institute

Mr. Stewart Burden  
Senior Program Officer  
The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Dr. Gordon Perkin  
President of PATH  
William H. Gates Foundation

Dr. Drew Altman  
President and CEO  
Kaiser Family Foundation

## Corporations/Others

Mr. Charles Heimbald  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Bristol Myers Squibb

Mr. Robert Johnson  
Chairman and CEO  
Black Entertainment Television



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Contact: Jennifer Brown or Gabrielle Bushman  
 September 7, 1999

### USAID COMBATTING AIDS: A RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

The U.S. government is the world leader in responding to the global pandemic of AIDS. Since 1986 the U.S. Government through USAID has dedicated over \$1.2 billion dollars for the prevention and mitigation of this epidemic in the developing world. USAID's HIV/AIDS budget of \$135 million for this year exceeds all other bilateral donors.

USAID is working in 47 of the hardest hit countries in all regions of the world. Nearly 70 percent of our HIV/AIDS program assistance goes to small non-governmental organizations that have direct connections to the poorest of the poor and those most vulnerable to infection.

**Leadership and Investment in Fighting an Epidemic (LIFE).** In July, Vice President Al Gore announced a \$100 million initiative to fight AIDS around the world. USAID will program \$55 million of this effort, which will support efforts to contain the AIDS pandemic, provide home and community-based care, care for children orphaned by AIDS and strengthen community capacity to respond. LIFE focuses on 15 target countries (14 in sub-Saharan Africa, plus India), which represent those with the most severe epidemic, the highest number of new infections and where the potential impact is the greatest.

**Educating people to prevent AIDS.** In the past five years, USAID, through work with host country governments and community groups, has provided intensive AIDS education and to over 25 million vulnerable men and women, helping them to reduce their risk of HIV infection. To accomplish this task, USAID has trained over 180,000 new, dedicated counselors and educators.

**Reducing HIV prevalence in young adults in Uganda.** USAID's support was instrumental in reducing the prevalence of HIV in 15-24 year olds in urban areas by 50 percent and nationally by a third.

**Maintaining low HIV prevalence.** In Senegal, Philippines and Indonesia, early, comprehensive HIV intervention programs supported by USAID and other donors have helped prevent a major epidemic, keeping the prevalence rate to less than 2 percent. Even more dramatic, in another set of countries – Uganda, Dominican Republic, and Thailand – intensive HIV/AIDS programs launched after major epidemics had erupted have resulted in reductions in the numbers of new infections.

**Reducing sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in Africa.** USAID is improving STI control programs in Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria, Rwanda and Zambia. In South Africa, USAID support was instrumental in reducing the prevalence of STIs by 40 percent among vulnerable mineworkers over a nine-month period.

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**Increasing the distribution of condoms.** USAID has provided over one billion condoms and developed new technologies to that people can protect themselves and their partners. In Thailand, through a 100% "condom only" brothel policy and intensive general and targeted interventions focused on behavior change, HIV prevalence has been kept at 2 percent over the past four years, and STI rates in men have dropped by 300 percent. USAID support for social marketing of condoms has increased sales by over 100 percent between 1996 and 1998 in four African countries (Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe). In 1999, USAID will launch new social marketing programs in Eritrea, South Africa, and Haiti.

**Supporting voluntary testing and counseling.** In 1990, USAID provided funding for the AIDS Information Center in Uganda, the first program in Africa offering voluntary and anonymous HIV counseling and testing. In eight years, over 400,000 clients were served. USAID now supports voluntary counseling and testing in more than 10 countries.

**Involving communities in the fight against AIDS.** USAID support has been critical to supporting local communities and community-based organizations in fighting AIDS in Malawi, Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda, Senegal and 40 other developing countries.

**Supporting civil society groups in the fight against AIDS.** In South Africa, USAID assisted the Council of South African Trade Unions to include HIV/AIDS as a key policy issue for their members. USAID has also supported religious communities and inter-faith networks critical to HIV/AIDS prevention successes.

**Developing technologies to fight the transmission.** USAID has been instrumental in the ongoing development of critical technologies to fight the transmission of AIDS in the developing world, including the female condom, a topical microbicide, rapid diagnostic tests for STIs and affordable, and realistic methods to reduce mother to child transmission of AIDS.

**Assisting children affected by AIDS:** Globally, 25 million children have lost one or both parents to AIDS. In 10 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, USAID is helping children stay in their communities by supporting extended and foster families. USAID programs assist with housing, education, health care as well as helping children cope with the psychological stress of losing a parent.

**Collaborating with other major donors:** USAID is closely collaborating with other major donors such as the World Bank and European Union to coordinate country programs and increase their effectiveness. In Ukraine, the European Union and USAID are designing a joint \$4 million HIV/AIDS prevention campaign and in Brazil USAID is offering technical assistance to improve the national HIV/AIDS program which is supported by World Bank funds.

**THE WHITE HOUSE**

Office of the Press Secretary  
(Auburn, New York)

For Immediate Release

September 2, 1999

**Statement by the Press Secretary**

President and Mrs. Clinton entered into a contract today for the purchase of a home in Chappaqua, New York. The five-bedroom house was built in 1899; it has approximately 5, 232 square feet and sits on a 1.1 acre lot. The property also includes a barn that now serves as a garage.

The President and Mrs. Clinton are purchasing the home for \$1,700,000 and have secured a loan commitment for \$1,350,000 from Bankers Trust Company. The loan will be secured by a mortgage on the property, as well as by a guaranty from Terry McAuliffe.

The Clintons said: "We appreciate everyone who helped make our search for a new home an enjoyable experience. We particularly want to thank the homeowners, their neighbors and the real estate brokers who have been so gracious to us throughout our search."

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