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REMARKS BY THE FIRST LADY
AT ANNUAL WHITE HOUSE EASTER EGG ROLL RECEPTION

The South Lawn

10:04 A.M. EDT

MRS. CLINTON: Hello, everyone. Welcome. We're so pleased you could be here; we're just a little sorry that it's cooler than we would like for you all to have a wonderful day today.

I just wanted to say a special word of welcome to all of the children. And we have a lot of children here who have disabilities or illnesses, and we're so pleased that they could be part of today's celebration. It is the 121st Egg Roll here at the White House, and so you're part of a very special, historic tradition.

Now, today, one of the things you'll get, in addition to your egg, is this Prescription For Reading, which we want all of you to take home, along with the book you'll get from Scholastic, because we hope that you and your moms and dads and big brothers and sisters and grandparents and everybody in your family will spend time this year reading to each other and that the book you get today, somebody will read to you, if you can't read. But if you can read, I hope you'll read it yourself and maybe read it to somebody younger than you.

So welcome, welcome, welcome to the Easter Egg Roll. And now I'm going to introduce the person who will make it official in just a very few minutes, the President of the United States, Bill Clinton. (Applause.)

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