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August 21, 1998

Assistant
Administrator
for Latin America
and the Caribbean

MEMORANDUM

TO: White House - Melanne Vermeer
FROM: AA/LAC - Mark L. Schneider *MS*

Hi, while I was playing golf and tennis, I did visit the orphanage that Oscar de la Renta has been involved with over the past two decades. There are 1,100 children who are cared for each day, ranging in ages from infants through teenagers. It is more of a child care center than an orphanage. The vast number of children are the sons and daughters of local workers at the nearby free-zone who are dropped off at 6 am and picked up at 6 pm. Those who sleep over are the ones whose parents work in other cities and who only return on the weekends.

The Center, which is formally HOGAR del Nino Padre Abreu, a childrens' home run by Patronato Beneficio Oriental. The address is Carretera Nueva Higueral, Preconca, Apartado Postal 326, La Romana, Republica Dominicana (Phone: 809-556-3682 Fax: 809-523-8995). The Director's name is Ondina de Molina.

The Center has been operating for some 22 years and includes an accredited primary school that runs through the sixth grade. The kids are clearly the poorest and the charge for those who can pay is 50 Dominican pesos for the week.

I have also included a map and information on Casa de Campo, the nearby resort, whose President and CEO is Claudio A. Silvestri. He can be reached at 809-523-8973.

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Institution: Asociacion Dominicana Pro-Bienestar de la Familia
(PROFAMILIA)
Planned Parenthood Affiliate of the Dominican
Republic

Location: Evangelina Rodriguez Clinic
Nicolas de Ovando corner of Calle 6
Next to the Moscoso Puella Hospital
24 de april neighborhood
Santo Domingo

3.5 miles from U.S. Embassy
4.0 miles from Jaragua Hotel

Description: The clinic provides maternal and child health services to women of reproductive age and children under five years. On the first floor the facility has a waiting room, five consultation rooms, a biomedical research center and a surgical area. On the second floor there are rooms for training and group counseling. The clinic is open from 8:00 AM to 5 PM. More patients are generally attended in the morning hours. The clinic performs sterilizations, but not abortions (which are illegal in the Dominican Republic).

Purpose of visit: USAID has a long history of support to PROFAMILIA. This clinic provides a wide range of high quality services to low income Dominicans. The clinic also has an outreach program with community-based volunteers. Most recently, the clinic has begun legal counseling for women dealing with domestic violence issues. Conversations and photo opportunities would be possible with patients as well as clinic staff.

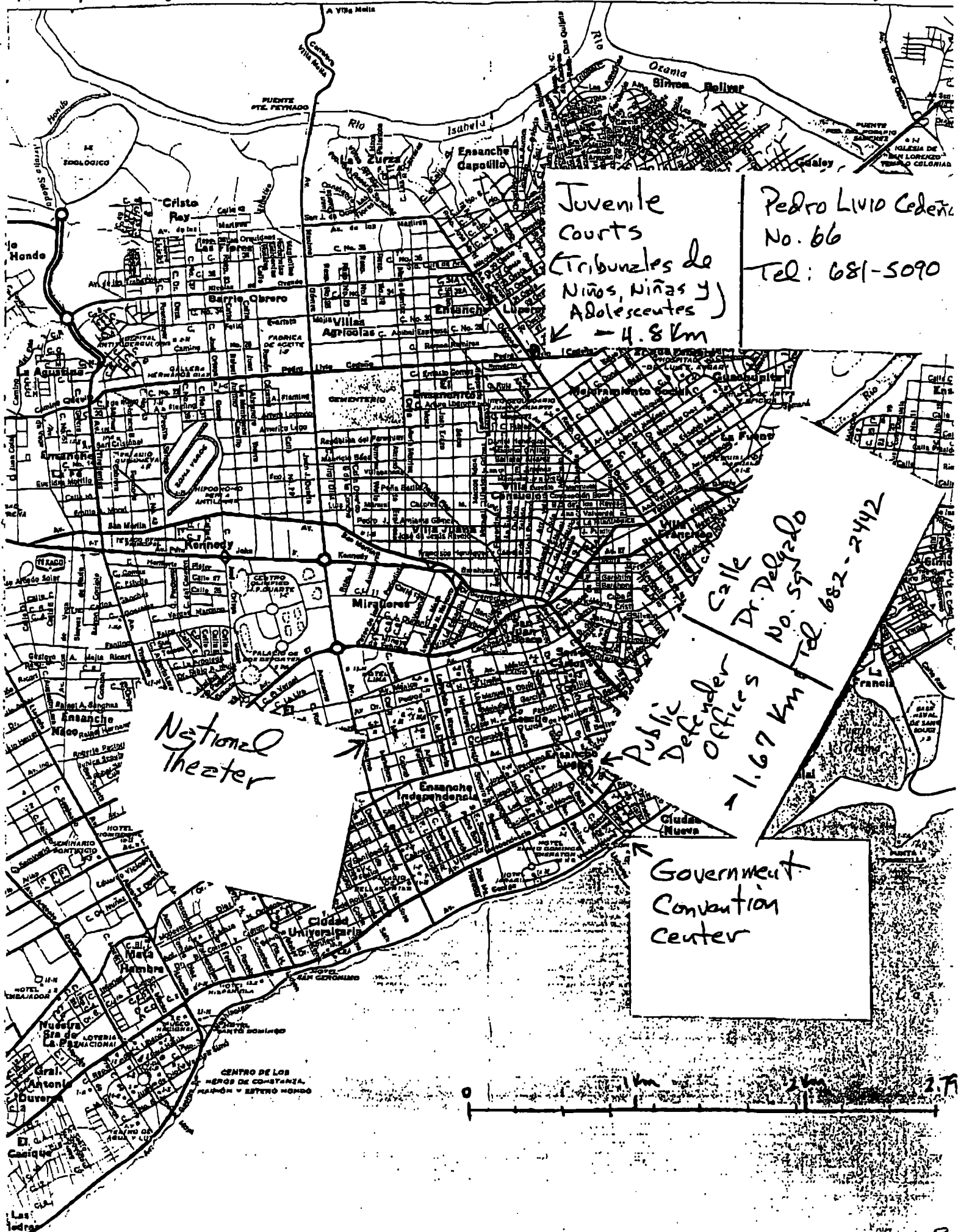
Points of Contact: Ms. Magaly Caram de Alvarez
Executive Director
682-9611 ext. 203

Mr. Salvador Piñeyro
Clinic Administrator
681-8393

Embassy site officer: Paul Schenkel, USAID/Health and
Population
221-1100 ext. 2242 (w)

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Map: attached



LA ROMANA PRE-ADVANCE VISIT

SITE: La Romana Chamber of Commerce

Contact: Natalie Woodward, Peace Corps Country Director

The Chamber of Commerce is the site of a Peace Corps business assistance project. Peace Corps Volunteer, Darryl Williams, has worked with the Chamber of Commerce for the past two years to devise programs to improve Chamber services (training, advertizing, networking etc.) to its membership. Chamber membership, currently over 130, has grown substantially as a result.

SITE: Hogar del Nino

Contact: Mrs. Xiomara Dajer de Menendez
Chairperson, Board of Directors
(809) 556-3682

The Hogar del Nino has been operated by the Patronato Benefico Oriental for 22 years. The home offers day care facilities and schooling, including technical education, for over 2,000 children of poor families in La Romana. The children are fed twice or more daily, receive their uniforms and books, and dental and medical care. The Hogar also offers education to deaf mute children and this school year is initiating a program for blind children. The Hogar has a special relationship with the Cleveland Clinic which sends consulting teams of doctors annually and funds needed surgery. Oscar de la Renta is an active member of the Board of Directors.

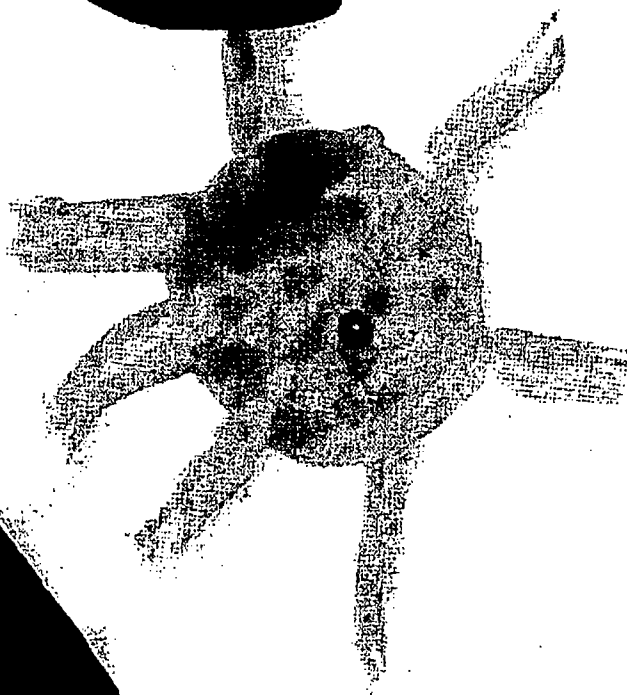
SITE: Bibi Leon Enterprises

Contact: Bibi Leon

Bibi Leon is a Cuban-American artist who has developed a microenterprise in La Romana which employs 34 artisans producing a range of high-quality wooden products painted with her imaginative designs. Her products are marketed internationally and include jewelry boxes, humidors, trays, wooden chargers and bowls, and evening bags. She also produces furniture displaying the same fine craftsmanship.



**PATRONATO
BENEFICO ORIENTAL**
HOGAR DEL NIÑO
TALLER VOCACIONAL



PATRONATO BENEFICO ORIENTAL ☙ El 7 de febrero de 1976, un grupo de damas de La Romana, preocupadas por la urgente necesidad de ayuda que tenían la Guardería y el Asilo de Ancianos de la ciudad, fundó el Patronato Benéfico Oriental, institución sin fines de lucro, creada para auxiliar a los necesitados. ☙ En febrero de 1982, como resultado de aquel esfuerzo inicial, nació el Hogar del Niño, para socorrer a los niños desvalidos de La Romana y zonas aledañas, sostenido íntegramente por instituciones y personas que aportan donativos en dinero y materiales, como el caso específico del Central Romana Corporation que cede terrenos de su propiedad y recursos para la construcción de las primeras instalaciones. ☙ Aprovechando al máximo dichas donaciones, se ha logrado ampliar y complementar las instalaciones para dar un mejor servicio social, dirigiendo la ayuda a distintos grupos poblacionales, según sus edades y condiciones de vida, estructurando sus actividades conforme a los programas de Guardería, Escuela Meridiana, Sordomudos y Taller Vocacional.

PATRONATO BENEFICO ORIENTAL ☙ The city of La Romana, located on the eastern part of the Dominican Republic, is a growing community. Populated by hard working and dedicated people that have made their city an example to be imitated. The majority of them being blue collar workers in the sugar mill, free zone and the hotel. As every developing society, it has its problems and solutions are worked with the active participation of the people. ☙ On february 7, 1976, a group of local ladies concerned about the urgent need for help of the nursery and geriatric homes in town, funded the Patronato Benéfico Oriental, a non profit organization created to help the needy. ☙ On february 1982, as a result of this effort, the Children's Home was born, to help the poor children in La Romana and surrounding communities, supported totally by donations from individuals and businesses, as is the specific case of Central Romana Corp., who donated the land and initial resources for the construction of our first pavillion. Using the resources obtained from donations from dominicans as well as foreigners, the Home has been able to improve and broaden its installations to offer better services to those in need. In order to organize the assistance offered, different groups were created according to ages and services, structuring the activities in the following programs of Nursery, Meridianos School, Deafsmutes and Vocational School.



TODOS LOS PARTICIPANTES en los programas reciben atención médica diariamente e internamiento cuando es necesario. Contamos con una enfermera a tiempo completo y un médico en horas de la mañana. En estos programas trabajan más de 100 personas en distintos niveles de capacitación. ☙ También participamos en por lo menos dos programas anuales para atender problemas específicos de salud en forma intensiva, dirigidos a niños de escasos recursos, con médicos extranjeros que nos prestan servicios entre una semana y diez días cada vez, atendiendo diariamente a un promedio de 80 a 100 niños. Por ejemplo, varios oftalmólogos operaron, en un período de cinco días, a más de 100 niños, atendieron en consulta a más de 500, obsequiando lentes cuando era necesario. En otra ocasión tuvimos la visita de 7 dentistas y sus respectivos ayudantes, quienes atendieron, en cinco días, a más de 800 niños. Este programa se realiza en cooperación con Healing the Children (New Jersey), Corazones Unidos y el Hospital del Central Romana. ☙ Para estos fines necesitamos seguir contando con la importantísima ayuda técnica y material de la Agencia de Cooperación Internacional del Japón (JICA) y sus voluntarios. En cada uno de nuestros programas hay un profesional japonés que trabaja adiestrando a un contraparte dominicano por períodos renovables de dos años.

ALL PROGRAMS receive daily medical care and hospitalization when necessary. We employ a full time nurse and a medical doctor. We have over 100 employees. ☙ We also participate in at least two intensive annual programs to focus specific health problems, with children from low income families and foreign doctors who offer their services from one week to 10 days at a time assisting from 80 to 100 children daily. For example, more than 100 children had surgery performed by several ophthalmologists during a period of five days, more than 500 received check-ups and eyeglasses were donated whenever needed. In another occasion we received 7 dentists and their assistants who took care of more than 800 children in one week, all this in cooperation with Healing the Children, Corazones Unidos (a private clinic in Santo Domingo) and Central Romana Corp. Hospital. ☙ For this purposes, it is essential to continue receiving the expertise and support of the Japan International Cooperation Agency and its volunteers. In each of our programs there is a japanese professional working with a dominican counterpart to train him for periods of two years at a time.



GUARDERIA ☙ Desde niños recién nacidos hasta 6 años de edad, en horario de 6 a.m. hasta 6 p.m., de lunes a viernes. Este programa cobra una cuota semanal mínima que cubre el 30% de los gastos de cada niño atendido. El resto es subvencionado por el Patronato Benéfico Oriental.

NURSERY ☙ From new born to six years old, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Monday to Friday. This program charges a minimum weekly fee which covers 30% of the expenses per child, the remaining 70% being subsidized by the Patronato.

ESCUELA MERIDIANA ⚡ Alfabeti-

zación y alimentación completamente gratis para niños entre los 7 y los 17 años, que trabajan para su sustento y el de sus familias, en horario de 7:30 a.m. a 5 p.m., de lunes a viernes. Actualmente la escuela llega hasta 5to. grado, y pronto se abrirá el 6to. grado. Estos niños son escogidos cuidadosamente entre las clases más pobres de la comunidad, para asegurarnos de que se benefician aquellos que realmente lo necesitan. Actualmente tenemos 360 niños en este programa.

MERIDIANOS SCHOOL ⚡ Alpha-

betization and food for children who have to work for their families and their own sustenance, between 7 and 17 years of age. Up to sixth grade from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., from Monday to Friday, at no charge for the participants. At present the school goes up to the 5th grade, and soon will open the 6th grade. These children are handpicked from the poorest sections of the town to make sure we benefit those who really need it. At the moment, we have about 360 children.



Patronato Benéfico Oriental of the United States

Apartado 326.

La Romana, República Dominicana

August 11, 1998

Information to bring the brochure up to date:

Due to demand for services, we had to raise the number of children in the crib room from 130 to 185, augmenting as well the number of employees in this department, being the ratio of 6 cribs per nanny, one supervisor, 3 kitchen employees handling preparation of formulas and sterilization of bottles and 3 cleaning employees, also we have the services of one japanese volunteer from JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) in this department. The amount of toddlers also went up from 280 to 400 in the day care department, also augmenting personnel, nannies and teachers, a supervisor and another volunteer from JICA, as well as cleaning personnel. School also went up, the poverty of this group of children who have to work to survive, forced us to open another shift in the afternoon to accomodate more children, the school is up to seventh grade, totalling 450 children, and of course more teachers, assistants and support personnel as well as another volunteer from JICA. Deafmutes make a special group of 50 and specialized teachers work with them. The Vocational School grew with a total of 230 pupils, two JICA volunteers work in this area, plus a director, teachers and assistants, we also enrolled and have graduated deafmutes and handicapped to be trained in a trade suitable for them.

The only group that pays for services is the day care, who pays approximately 25% of the cost of the services, the rest being sponsored by the Foundation.

We cover expenses through donations of particulars, businesses and foundations and through fund raising activities.

In September 1998, the school for blind children will be opened, it will be the only one working in the eastern part of the country.

Cleveland Clinic has also joined forces helping with special care for our poor children, funding operations like heart surgery, brain surgery etc., and doctors come once a year for consultation at the Hogar del Niño.

At present we employ 140 people at the Hogar of which 32 are teachers, and the only help we get from the Government is the salary of one teacher.

Any additional information required can be obtained through tels (809) 523-8901; (809)556-3682 or FAX (809)523-8995.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20523
FACSIMILE COVER SHEET

DATE: July 29, 1998

TO: Melanne Verveer

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FROM: Mark Schneider

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MESSAGE:

Melanne - Here is a first set of possible events for the Dominican Republic.

Possible Events for Visit

Theme: Youth

Activity: Speak at National Youth Forum. PROFAMILIA (USAID NGO partner) is planning a national youth forum in Santo Domingo to highlight youth issues, including education, AIDS prevention, family planning, leadership, etc. This could be a major speech or a youth round table to discuss/interact with youth leadership.

Timing: flexible, day or night. Could include a lunch/dinner.

Site: church owned retreat/convention center setting.

Value to USG program: education levels in DR very low. Need to highlight value of education to youth, especially girls education (high rates of teen pregnancy). Youth begin sexual activity early and have high risk of AIDS.

Theme: Family Planning, Reproductive Health

Activity: Visit Family Planning Clinic with discussion of Family Planning/Reproductive issues with NGO leaders, GODR officials in Health Ministry and clients.

Timing: Flexible, but preferably daytime site visit.

Site: PROFAMILIA and ADOPLAFAM (family planning, HIV/AIDS NGOs receiving USAID funding) both have several clinics in Santo Domingo area which could be site visits. Alternative site could be a public hospital where women receive family planning messages.

Value to USG: Family planning not well funded by the GODR, still opposed by the Church, methods not always available, especially to vulnerable groups. Need to highlight the issues and importance to women.

Theme: Meeting with President Leonel Fernández

Activity: Meet with President Leonel Fernández

Timing: Daytime

Site: National Palace

Value to USG: Could highlight family planning issues, HIV/AIDS issues, education and microenterprise.

Theme: Microenterprise

Activity: Panel Discussion with outstanding women microentrepreneurs. Issues include barriers to women owned businesses, access to credit, etc. Would include women entrepreneurs and ADEMI and FONDOMICRO, two USAID partner banks who provide funds to micro and small businesses. Both are considered microenterprise success stories. Could include audience (100-300) of outstanding women owned microentrepreneurs from entire country.

Timing: Daytime event.

Site: INTEC (university). INTEC is a USAID grantee doing microenterprise training and policy issues.

Value to USG: Going into business is one way out of poverty, especially for women. Poverty is a major USG concern here. Need to highlight opportunities in microenterprise.

Theme: Girl's Education

Activity: Education presentation and discussion with teen-aged students, school directors, teachers and parents. Participants will explain their experiences and life changes due to civic and democratic values training. Results: 1) old authoritarian school scheme has changed and now the school has student councils (first in the country) where decisions are influenced by students inputs; 2) teachers, directors, students and their parents work together on weekends on fundraising campaigns, and 3) democratic values are being implemented and multiplied by family members.

Timing: Daytime, could include lunch.

Site: Falconbridge Foundation headquarters, 85 kms north of Santo Domingo. Helicopter landing available, or 45 minutes by car. Falconbridge is a Dominican NGO formed by a Canadian mining company and receives grants from USAID.

Alternative site: EUDCA, a graduated USAID assisted NGO, working to improve quality of education, might host a school event in Santo Domingo demonstrating private sector initiatives in primary education reform.

Value to USG: Educational levels in DR very low. Need to highlight importance of education, especially girls education (high rates of teen pregnancy). Also, Ministry of Education very paternalistic, wants to control everything and prevent parent/community participation in education. This NGO/community model is very important to highlight the success of participation.

Value to USG: The USG is sponsoring major justice reforms, including domestic violence laws. Need to highlight importance of implementing this law to protect women and children.

Who:

Dominican State Officials

Executive Branch (3): Da. Gladys Gutiérrez, Director of the General Directorate for Promotion of Women (DGPM); Lic. Aura Celeste Fernandez R., Commissioner for Support of Reform and Modernization of Justice (CAMJ); TBP, Assistant District Attorney for Crimes Against Women and Children.

Legislature (3): Senator Milagros Ortiz Bosch (PRD), sponsor of the Law; Senator Reinaldo Pared (PLD), an additional female Diputada TBD (PRSC) member advocate of legislation on women's rights.

Judiciary (3): President of the Supreme Court Jorge Subero Isa, under whose leadership 11 Juvenile Courts are to be inaugurated on or about 6 August; One female Supreme Court Justice TBD; Senior female judge of the Juvenile Courts TBD.

Civil Society Leaders

Licda. Magaly Caram de Alvarez, Executive Director PROFAMILIA (Asociación Dominicana Pro Bienestar de la Familia/Dominican Association for the Well-Being of the Family). Tel.: 689-0141, Fax: 686-8276. Co-sponsored new Law 24-97.

Dra. Gloria Henríquez, Executive Director CENSEL (Centro de Servicios Legales para la Mujer/Center of Legal Services for Women) Tel. y Fax: 687-0098
Institution providing legal assistance to women suffering from domestic violence and to incarcerated women. Provide assistance to some 50% of all women prisoners in the country.

Lic. Freddy Tomás Báez, Executive Director CEDAIL (Centro de Asesoría e Investigaciones Legales/Center for Legal Consultation and Research Tel.: 682-4902 Fax: 686-2761
Dominican Episcopal organization to support those in need of legal assistance. Also manage citizen education program in legal rights and obligations.

Lic. Santo Rosario Ramírez, Executive Director COIN (Centro de Orientación e Investigación Integral/Center for Integral Orientation and Research) accompanied by Dir. COIN education component, Lic. Francisca Ferreira Tel. y Fax: 245-4336. Institution providing orientation and work alternatives for women involved in prostitution, programs to integrate/reinsert them into non-sex worker professions.

Dra. Lusitania Martínez, Director of Coordinating Group for

Women's NGOs/La Coordinadora de ONG de la Mujer. Umbrella organization for the majority of NGOs involved in Women advocacy issues.

Lic. Magaly Pineda, Director of the Center for Research on Advancement of Women/Centro de Investigación para el Avance Femenino (CIPAF). Tel. 563-5263 fax 563-1159. A non-academic research institution dealing with most issues related to women's rights, especially poor rural and urban working women.

Lic. Josefina Arvelo, Coordinator for Women's Study Center/Centro de Estudios de la Mujer (CE-MUJER). Tel. 221-7474, fax 686-7474. Works primarily in public information and education on women's issues. Well published.

Theme: Women's Leadership

Activity: Meeting with Elected Women. This would include women Senators, Congresswomen and Mayors. Discuss women's roles in elections, political parties, and barriers to women participation.

Timing: flexible, could include lunch.

Site: To be determined

Value to USG: Recent law requires political parties to include women as at least 25 percent of their candidates. But parties complied with letter of law, and not the spirit. Women face many barriers in politics. USG would like to see more women in political positions.

Theme: Women's Leadership

Activity: Formal major speech to women leaders throughout the country. "Women's Leadership for the 21st Century". Issues could include family planning, HIV/AIDS, girls education, women in politics, etc. Audience of up to 1,500

Timing: Evening event.

Site: The National Theater (large, formal, secure, easy access).

Value to USG: Women's role in community and national leadership still faces barriers in societal attitudes. However, current women leaders are gaining substantial acceptance due to outstanding performance. We need to highlight women's contribution to community and national leadership.

Theme: Role of People with Disabilities in Society

Activity: Visit to the Asociacion Dominicana de Rehabilitacion (ADR), a USAID grantee providing education, rehabilitation, training and job placement for persons with mental and physical disabilities.

Timing: Daytime

Site: ADR headquarters, training facilities.

Value to USG: People with disabilities are traditionally isolated from mainstream economy and society. USG grants are promoting their integration and rights as citizens.

Background: Asociación Dominicana de Rehabilitación, established in 1963, was created to provide services and programs to serve persons with mental and physical limitations. These services include investigation and prevention of the causes of physical and mental handicaps; education, rehabilitation, training, and job placement of persons with mental and physical limitations; the social integration of the mental and physically challenged; and the professional and technical training of persons who work with the handicapped. ADR is one of the very few institutions in the Dominican Republic that provides technical and vocational training to the handicapped.

They have received a sub-grant under the PVO Co-Financing Project to purchase computer equipment, software, and electrical installations. A small portion of funds will be to provide technical assistance for the operation of the Center, to purchase computer furniture and to provide transportation to and from classes for students who would otherwise have none.

The principal activity of this sub-grant is the establishment of an Information Systems Training Center for the physically impaired. The establishment of the Training Center will reinforce and enhance the current USAID-funded project to increase and facilitate employment opportunities for the handicapped.

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NOTIONAL SCHEDULE
FLOTUS VISIT TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Note: The dominant theme of the proposed events is U.S. concern for society's disadvantaged -- to offset the Dominican perception that we are focused exclusively on law enforcement.

Sunday, September 27

- Welcome by Charge d'Affaires a.i. Linda E. Watt.
- Meeting with President Leonel FERNANDEZ Reyna.
- Reception hosted by President Fernandez at Presidential Palace or colonial Santo Domingo.
- Walking Tour of Historic Colonial Zone of Santo Domingo.

The City of Santo Domingo will celebrate its 500th anniversary in August 1998. Santo Domingo's colonial zone, which includes the oldest cathedral in the Americas, is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site.

- Meeting with Embassy community in the garden of the ambassador's residence.

Monday, September 28

In or near Santo Domingo

- Visit to Hogar Mari Loly, orphanage for children through the age of 6 living with HIV/AIDS.

The Hogar's governing NGO, CASCO, is a USAID grantee working with AIDS issues. Many individuals in the Embassy community volunteer their services at the orphanage which has also received donations of supplies and work time by visiting U.S. Navy and Coast Guard crews. HIV/AIDS is a growing problem in the Dominican Republic. People living with HIV/AIDS are frequently shunned by the larger community. Such a visit would serve to focus attention on this critical health problem and so remove some of the stigma.

- Visit to the Asociacion Dominicana de Rehabilitacion (ADR), a USAID grantee providing education, rehabilitation, training and job placement for persons with mental and physical disabilities.

ADR was established in 1963 to provide services and programs to serve persons with mental and physical limitations. ADR is one of the very few institutions in the Dominican Republic that provides technical and vocational training to the handicapped.

- Visit to a training facility operated by the Centro Integrada de la Familia.

The Centro Integrada de la Familia is a Dominican private sector-funded center which provides vocational training for women. The Center seeks to help women establish micro-enterprises such as beauty shops, bakeries, shoe repair etc. This NGO has recently developed a large scale center which encompasses training, the commercialization of skills learned, child care and neighborhood recreational facilities. It is intended to be self-supporting and once proven successful will be repeated in other neighborhoods.

- Visiting a Family Planning Clinic.

NGO's which receive USAID funding operate a number of clinics in Santo Domingo offering family planning services. Family planning is not well funded by the GODR and is still opposed by the Church.

- Luncheon with the Asociacion de Jovenes Empresarios (Association of Young Businesspeople).

The Association is a dynamic group which will provide a good forum for a speech promoting the gains from global competition. Global competition will have a direct impact on poverty alleviation -- Dominican consumers will see their prices come down. Dominicans will have to be educated to meet that challenge.

In Bonao, one hour from Santo Domingo:

- Visit to Falconbridge Foundation to participate in a Civic Education Presentation.

The Falconbridge Foundation is a Dominican NGO formed by a Canadian mining company which receives grants from USAID. The Foundation provides assistance to schools in Bonao. The program would focus on civic education. This visit would serve to underline the importance of community involvement in the schools.

-- Visit a Peace Corps-Operated Resource Center.

The Peace Corps operates resource centers in the Dominican Republic where volunteers work with their Secretariat of Education counterparts to train teachers in using cheap, readily available materials for educational aids.

-- Visit to Hogar Crea.

Hogar Crea is a facility that offers vocational training for drug rehabilitation.

Return to Santo Domingo.

-- Visit to New Public Defenders Facility.

The Facility is a central part of our AID-funded justice sector reform program, funded by USAID. This is a pilot program aimed at providing an adequate defense for the indigent from the time he/she is first accused of a crime; a collateral benefit is reduction of pre-trial detention -- a chronic problem in the Dominican Republic.

-- Kick off Ceremony for the Dominican Adaptation of the "We the People" Civic Education Program.

"We the People," which has its yearly finale each May 1 in Washington, is a civic education competition sponsored by (among others) the U.S. Congress to foster political and constitutional analysis by highschool students. The Office of the Dominican President, in partnership with leading NGO's, will be adopting this program for implementation in the Dominican Republic with sponsorship from USAID and USIS.

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[003]

POTENTIAL SITE FOR VIP VISIT**Name of Institution**

Proyecto de Iniciativas Democráticas
(Democratic Initiatives Project)

Location:

Event would occur in the main auditorium of the Banco Central, across the street from the Ambassador's residence, a ten minute motorcade from the Jaragua Hotel, followed by a dinner in the Ambassador's residence.

Physical Description of Site:

The Banco Central auditorium, which seats 700, is a formal theater with a lovely lobby. There is a separate secure entrance for VIPs which is one level below the public entrance. The Bank enjoys excellent security. The Ambassador's residence is on the grounds of the Embassy and has a dining room that seats 22. Or the residence could be used for a stand-up buffet dinner for 150.

Purpose of the Visit:

The event would pay homage to the over 100 organizations that carry out civic education programs through community groups and schools under the AID-funded PID (Democratic Initiatives) project. Members and directors of the organizations would assemble in the auditorium and a video of community and school activities would be shown. A select number of best programs would be individually described and recognized with plaques. The Visitor would give an address discussing the importance of basic education to development and of civic education in particular for a democracy. Senior Dominican officials would be invited, with the hope of motivating their support for civic education programs in all public schools. There would be the opportunity for extensive media coverage. A private dinner for key dignitaries and PID organizers would follow.

Two Points of Contact from the Institution:

Mu Kien Sang, Pontifical Catholic University Madre y Maestra (PUCMM), Santo Domingo, office (809) 535 - 0111, ext. 229, residence P6/(b)(6)
cellular P6/(b)(6)

Rhames Mejia, Vice-Rector, PUCMM

Office: (809) 535 - 0111

Banco Central:

Juan Carlos Gutierrez, Director of Administration

Office: (809) 682 - 6484

Jose Diaz or Juan Aragones, Supervisors of Auditorium

Office: (809) 685 - 7745

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Potential Site for the Visit

Name of institution:

CENTRO DE INTEGRACION FAMILIAR (CIF)

Location: Calle Ulises Heureaux, corner Calle del Rosario in Villa Duarte
~~Include distance from Embassy & Jaragua Hotel~~ Section of Santo Domingo. CIF is presently
~~out of a structure located under the Juan Pablo Duarte Bridge approximately~~
~~2 miles East of either the Embassy or the Jaragua Hotel~~**Physical description of site (50 words):**

CIF classrooms are located in a long, low warehouse-type concrete building which has been divided into sections devoted to administrative offices, a dental clinic, and classrooms for teaching cooking, sewing, painting, office skills etc. The building is fronted by a basketball court and a waste area. A low apartment building fronts it.

Note: No air conditioning.

Purpose of visit to site (50 words):

Take into account appropriate themes, the visitor's interests, media opportunities, et cetera

Visit would allow the First Lady to showcase a Dominican-founded NGO that has received a \$36,000 grant from the Inter-American Foundation. CIF offers training (primarily to women but also to children and men) in over 40 areas such as baking, sewing, hair care, industrial arts, etc. Over 2,000 students are enrolled this fall. CIF's goal, supported with a loan program, is to provide its trainees with skills to build microbusinesses in their communities. Visit would highlight the First Lady's interest in women's education and development as entrepreneurs.

Two points-of-contact from the institution:

At a minimum, include names and telephone numbers

Italia Zucco
Executive Director
Tel. (809) 685-6286

Clara Tejera de Reid
President
Tel. (809) 685-6286

Embassy site officer:

At a minimum, include name and home and work telephone numbers

Nelita Doherty
Tel. (809) 221-5063 (work)
P6/(b)(6) (home)

Darnall Steuart
Tel. (809) 688-8957 (work)
P6/(b)(6) (home)

Attach a map indicating the location of the site

Please respond to ADCM Cubblison by close of business, August 21.

LA ROMANA PRE-ADVANCE VISIT

SITE: La Romana Chamber of Commerce

Contact: Natalie Woodward, Peace Corps Country Director

The Chamber of Commerce is the site of a Peace Corps business assistance project. Peace Corps Volunteer, Darryl Williams, has worked with the Chamber of Commerce for the past two years to devise programs to improve Chamber services (training, advertizing, networking etc.) to its membership. Chamber membership, currently over 130, has grown substantially as a result.

SITE: Hogar del Nino

Contact: Mrs. Xiomara Dajer de Menendez
Chairperson, Board of Directors
(809) 556-3682

Social workers identify poor people who qualify

The Hogar del Nino has been operated by the Patronato Benefico Oriental for 22 years. The home offers day care facilities and schooling, including technical education, for over 2,000 children of poor families in La Romana. The children are fed twice or more daily, receive their uniforms and books, and dental and medical care. The Hogar also offers education to deaf mute children and this school year is initiating a program for blind children. The Hogar has a special relationship with the Cleveland Clinic which sends consulting teams of doctors annually and funds needed surgery. Oscar de-la Renta is an active member of the Board of Directors.

all privately funded

SITE: Bibi Leon Enterprises

Contact: Bibi Leon

193 between D & W Ave.

A person for every 5 kids

Bibi Leon is a Cuban-American artist who has developed a microenterprise in La Romana which employs 34 artisans producing a range of high-quality wooden products painted with her imaginative designs. Her products are marketed internationally and include jewelry boxes, humidors, trays, wooden chargers and bowls, and evening bags. She also produces furniture displaying the same fine craftsmanship.

La Romana

La Romana (pop approximately 100,000) is located 110 kilometers (70 miles), or two hours by road from Santo Domingo, or twenty minutes by air from Santo Domingo. The La Romana international airport is located within the Casa de Campo resort complex (golf courses, beach, hotel and villas).

Name of Institution:

Hogar del Nino (also known as Casa del Nino)

Location:

15 minutes' drive from the La Romana airport, in a mixed commercial/residential area.

Physical Description of Site:

Hogar del Nino is a day care center and school for children of workers at the La Romana Free Zone. It consists of a compound with a central pavilion that serves as a baby nursery and two-story buildings that house classrooms and offices. There is a grassy recreation yard.

Purpose of Visit to Site:

The Visitor would see a facility providing day care and education services to children of Free Zone workers. Free Zone assembly industries represent one of the fastest growing and most important sectors in the Dominican economy. Many US companies have investments and plants in Dominican Free Zones, including at La Romana. The Hogar del Nino has benefitted from fundraising activities led by Oscar de la Renta, Julio Iglesias and other international figures. It also has a relationship with the Cleveland Children's Clinic, and Ohio Senator Mike DeWine and his wife visited the site last March.

Two Points of Contact from the Institution:

Xiomara de Menendez, Director: (809) 556 - 3682

Ondia Molina, Assistant to Ms. de Menendez: (809) 556 - 3682

Embassy site Officer:

Nereida Vazquez

Office: (809) 221 - 5028

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Requesting:	☐ Speaker	☐ Meet/Greet	☐ Video	☐ Letter (Greeting)
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Event:	LUNCHEON			
Date of Event:	Sept. 17	Location:	St. Regis HOTEL	
Contact:	NADINE HOGAN			
Recommended By:				

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Melanne Verveer

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Nadine M. Hogan

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Alexandria, Virginia 22301

Christmas in September

July 24, 1998

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

Oscar de la Renta is best known for his genius in the world of fashion. Less known but of equal importance to him is his support for Casa del Nino an orphanage, day care center his home in the La Romana, Dominican Republic.

On September 17, 1998 some of his friends will give a luncheon we have named "*Christmas in September*" to raise funds to buy 900 children Christmas gifts and do a special project at the school. The luncheon will be held at the St. Regis Hotel (formerly the Ritz Carlton) at 21st and Massachusetts Avenue. We begin at 12 noon with a reception with Oscar and his wife Annette. Then we move to lunch to hear Oscar talk about his children. There is no fashion show just a group of 70 men and women who support his efforts at the school.

This event is a private, no press, and a joy to hear Oscar talk about the children. He has one adopted son, Moses who came to him through unusual circumstances. Oscar would adopt all of them. His face lights up and he becomes very emotional as he talks about his love for them.

Casa del Nino is a very well managed development model. They have programs for babies to teenagers. The Japanese Government rated this program as one of their three highest for all Latin America. (They have 5 JICA volunteers working at the school)

*Patti - This
is Oscar's
charity. I'm
sure he would
like to drop by.
She also wants to
visit the orphanage
in D.R. →*

Mr.

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July 24, 1998

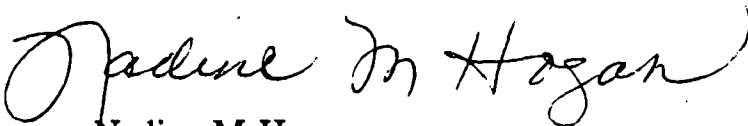
His long time supporters Katharine Graham, Elaine Wolfensohn, Patsy Preston, Mary Lou McGee and Donna McLarty have confirmed.

We are asking that you join us for lunch. Oscar would be thrilled or if your time is limited, please come for the reception.

I am sending you a brochure with photos of the school. Oscar has faithfully attended this luncheon given by his Washington friends for eight years. Each year in December he personally goes to the school to give the gifts to the children.

Please join us. Your name will not be used in any way for solicitation of money. Your participation will not be announced before the event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nadine M. Hogan". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name "Nadine" being more prominent than the last name "Hogan".

Nadine M. Hogan
Chairman

Christmas in September

(703) 683-3909 phone and (703) 519-3626 fax



Oscar at the yearly Christmas Party.



The children are divided by age groups.



When he goes to the school the children crowd around him

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Potential Site for the Visit**Name of the Institution:** Colonial City Walking Tour**Location:** Calle Las Damas (Colonial City).
Approximately 15 min. from the U.S. Embassy and/or Jaragua Hotel**Physical Description:** Walking tour of the Colonial Zone. Calle Las Damas is the main street in the colonial city. The Cathedral and the Forteleza are accessible via this street. The Alcazar de Colon is across a plaza adjoining Calle Las Damas. Side streets tend to be narrow and have many cars parked on either side. Please see attached sheets for additional details and maps of each site. Additional/alternative sites have been written up as well.**Purpose of the Visit:** A brief overview of the country's history and colonial architecture including:

The Cathedral de Santa Maria de la Encarnacion: Construction began in 1521 following the arrival of the first bishop Alejandro Geraldini. Pope John III granted the Primate of the Indies the rank of metropolitan cathedral. Benedict XV gave it the rank of basilica.

The Forteleza Ozama: This fort is the first colonial military fortress built by order of Governor Nicolas de Ovando. The Tower of Homage (built in 1505) is reminiscent of Spanish castles.

The Children's Library: This small, brightly decorated children's museum is within the wall of the Forteleza Ozama. The U.S. Mission has donated computers to the library and there appears to be access to the Internet. A summer camp provides instruction/opportunities for 300 plus children. An additional contact for the library is Nora Wittropf at 565-2910.

Alcazar de Colon: The home of Diego Columbus, son of Christopher Columbus. The building is one of the best examples of colonial architecture in the country, and is full of various antiques and furniture from the period.

Two Points of Contact: Rosa Maria Vicioso
President of Voluntariado de las Casas Reales
Private Museum: P6/(b)(6)

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Marlene Lluberis
Administrative Assistant
Museum: 682-4202

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Embassy Site Officer: Michelle M. Hopkins
Embassy: 221-2171 (I.V. Section)

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