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DATE-TIME 02 December 96 18:12

FROM Lorin, Matthew E.

CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT HRDAY DRAFT PROPOSAL...[UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Letts, Kelly J.
Lorin, Matthew E.
Malley, Robert
Ragan, Richard F.
Schwartz, Eric P.

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Eric:

Here is backbone.

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November 26, 1996

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: ERIC SCHWARTZ

FROM: MATTHEW LORIN

SUBJECT: Scheduling Proposal: Human Rights Day

I have enclosed for your consideration a scheduling proposal for Human Rights Day. John Shattuck has urged that we consider an event that highlights the theme of "women's rights are human rights" and the Beijing Women's Conference - the year after. Such an event would provide the President an opportunity to highlight his Council on Women and the Administration's domestic and international initiatives in this area of interest and concern to this very important constituency.

We have suggested that the event be held on Tuesday, December 10.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached scheduling proposal.

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Tab I Scheduling Proposal

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2 December 96 18:10

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Schedule Proposal date ____/____/____

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TO: Stephanie Streett
Anne Walley

FROM: Anthony Lake

REQUEST: That the President and First Lady host a December 10 White House commemoration of International Human Rights Day, on the theme of "women's rights are human rights," highlighting the achievements of the President's Council on Women and the one year follow-up of the Women's Conference in Beijing.

PURPOSE: To affirm the Administration's commitment to human rights in general and women's rights in particular. To acknowledge the President's Council on Women, established following the Women's Conference in Beijing with a one year mandate of implementing the goals of Beijing domestically and promoting them internationally.

BACKGROUND: December 10, the anniversary of the adoption by the UN General Assembly of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, is recognized around the world as Human Rights Day. The United States has commemorated this anniversary for many years, with President's Reagan and Bush holding White House events annually.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President hosted a Human Rights Day event in 1993.

DATE AND TIME: December 10, at a time to be determined.

BRIEFING TIME: 5 minutes

DURATION: 20-30 minutes

LOCATION: Room 450 of OEOB

PARTICIPANTS: The President and the First Lady. Members of the audience will include leaders of U.S. and foreign-based international human rights groups and Members of Congress.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: The First Lady would greet the assembled guests and introduce the President, who would deliver a short Human Rights Day address, highlighting women's rights and follow-up on the Beijing Conference and Administration initiatives in these areas. After the address, the President would sign a Human Rights Day Proclamation and recognize selected members of the audience for their contributions on these issues. Following their statements, we propose that high level Administration officials be invited to deliver brief remarks. The speakers could include, Anthony Lake, Ambassador Madeleine Albright, Assistant Secretary John Shattuck, and/or others.

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be provided by NSC.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Yes.

FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE: Yes.

VICE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE: If possible.

RECOMMENDED BY: NSC/OFL.

CONTACT: Matt Lorin

SECOND LADY'S ATTENDANCE: If possible.

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D-R-A-F-T

WHITE HOUSE EVENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

UN Human Rights Day (December 10) presents an opportunity for the President and the First Lady to host an event that highlights the Administration's achievements in the field of human rights in particular women's rights and the Administration's follow-up on

Beijing. The President and the First Lady would be joined by John Shattuck, Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, as well as other relevant USG officials, leading human rights activists and members of Congress. Approximately 300 guests could be invited to room 450 of the OEOB including members of the press, Congress, VIPs and human rights activists. We recommend that the event take place on Tuesday, December 10 and that it last for one hour.

The President's statement would focus on U.S. efforts to... The President could use this forum to highlight the Administration's human rights accomplishments over the last four years and touch on priorities for the next four... He could cite as examples... The President would use the occasion to sign a presidential proclamation marking Human Rights Day.

The First Lady would focus on the issue of women. She could cite several specific examples from her travels of women around the world who have endured any kind of violence and the bold steps we have taken to redress these atrocities. She could remark on her own efforts in the area of empowering women, the Beijing Conference and the successes of the President's Council on Women...

Following their statements, we propose that high level Administration officials be invited to deliver brief remarks. The speakers could include, for example, National Security Advisor Anthony Lake, Ambassador Madeleine Albright, Assistant Secretary John Shattuck, and/or others.

The leading human rights activist would be someone working to promote reconciliation and would make a short statement after the First Lady's remarks. The member of Congress should present a "Sense of the Congress" resolution in support of Human Rights Day.

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DATE-TIME 03 December 96 08:28
FROM Millison, Cathy L.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT FW: HR Day SP [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Sens, Andrew D.
CARBON_COPY Dohse, Fred J.
Harmon, Joyce A.
TEXT_BODY

FYI

From: Schwartz, Eric P.
To: Blinken, Antony J.; Moffett, Julia; Soderberg, Nancy E.
CC: /R, Record at A1; Lorin, Matthew; Malley, Robert; Ragan, Richard F.
Subject: HR Day SP [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Tuesday, December 03, 1996 08:24 AM

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For your comments, ASAP.

Would like to send forward today.

I have not mentioned the visit of the Chinese Defense Minister in the SP.
Should we?

We've listed OFL as co-sponsor, but we have yet to hear from them. It will be difficult to get them quickly, as they are on the road with the First Lady, but we will try.

Eric

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Anne Walley

FROM: Anthony Lake

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PURPOSE: To affirm the Administration's commitment to human rights in general and women's rights in particular. To recognize American women who have been leaders in the international human rights movement in general and in the international women's rights movement in particular, and to announce 1997 international AID initiatives relating to the advancement of women.

BACKGROUND: December 10, the anniversary of the adoption by the UN General Assembly of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, is recognized around the world as Human Rights Day. The White House has commemorated this anniversary for many years. "Women's Rights as Human Rights" is a very important new theme in the international human rights movement, and gained increased prominence after the Beijing Women's Conference in 1994.

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REMARKS REQUIRED: To be provided by NSC.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Yes.

FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE: Yes.

VICE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE: If possible.

RECOMMENDED BY: NSC/OFL

CONTACT: Eric Schwartz
Matt Lorin

SECOND LADY'S ATTENDANCE: If possible.

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DATE-TIME 03 December 96 11:38
FROM Lorin, Matthew E.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT HR Day [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Benjamin, Daniel
Blinken, Antony J.
Gibney, James S.
Gray, Wendy
Letts, Kelly J.
Lorin, Matthew E.
Malley, Robert
Moffett, Julia
Naplan, Steven J.
Ragan, Richard F.
Santarcangelo, Jason M.
Schwartz, Eric P.
Showalter, Victoria A.

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Here is SP with Moffit changes incorporated.

As for the recommendation of an emphasis on children, i.e., labor, prostitution... sounds good to me.

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REMARKS REQUIRED: To be provided by NSC.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Oval Office - PHOTO ONLY.
Roosevelt Room - PRESS POOL.

FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE: Yes.

VICE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE: No.

RECOMMENDED BY: NSC/OFL

CONTACT: Eric Schwartz
Matt Lorin

SECOND LADY'S ATTENDANCE: If possible.

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DATE-TIME 09 December 96 12:21

FROM Schwartz, Eric P.

CLASSIFICATION ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SUBJECT ~~[CONFIDENTIAL]~~

TO Lorin, Matthew E.

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White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006
By ~~KDC~~ NARA, Date ~~04/29/16~~
2012-0094-F

December 4, 1996

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

FROM: ERIC SCHWARTZ

SUBJECT: Scheduling Proposal:
Human Rights Day (December 10)

After consultation with Strategic Planning and the Office of the First Lady, we have put together the attached Human Rights Day Scheduling Proposal. The proposed focus on women's rights is designed to resonate with both the international human rights community (for which women's rights is an important theme) and with a domestic audience.

Concurrence by: Julia Moffet

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached scheduling Proposal at Tab I.

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Tab I Scheduling Proposal

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4 December 96 11:40

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Schedule Proposal date ____/____/____

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TO: Stephanie Streett
Anne Hawley

FROM: Anthony Lake
Melanne Verveer

REQUEST: That the President and First Lady host a
December 10 White House commemoration of
International Human Rights Day, focusing
on the theme that "Women's Rights are
Human Rights."

PURPOSE: 1) To reaffirm the Administration's
commitment to human rights in general and
women's rights in particular. 2) To
recognize American women who have been

leaders in the international human and women's rights movements. 3) To announce 1997 U.S. aid initiatives relating to the advancement of women.

BACKGROUND: December 10, the anniversary of the adoption by the UN General Assembly of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, is recognized around the world as Human Rights Day. The White House has commemorated this anniversary for many years. "Women's Rights as Human Rights" is a very important new theme in the international human rights movement. It gained increased prominence after the Beijing Women's Conference in 1994, where the First Lady played a prominent role.

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REMARKS REQUIRED: To be provided by NSC.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Oval Office - PHOTO ONLY.
Roosevelt Room - PRESS POOL.

FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE: Yes.

VICE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE: Optional.

RECOMMENDED BY: NSC/OFL

CONTACT: Eric Schwartz
Matt Lorin

SECOND LADY'S ATTENDANCE: Optional.

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DATE-TIME 09 December 96 18:16

FROM Fried, Daniel

CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT RE: Human Rights Day [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Friedrich, M. K.

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We use the phrase "Central and Eastern Europe." No objection, assuming that the facts in the sentence are accurate. (I don't know myself.)

From: Friedrich, Mary K.
To: Fried, Daniel; @CEE - Central/Eastern Europe
CC: /R, Record at A1
Subject: Human Rights Day [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Monday, December 09, 1996 06:14 PM

Dan,

A sentence was added to the "Human Rights Day Proclamation" on Romania. Thought you should have a look at it to be sure that you don't have any objections to it. The sentence reads as follows:

In Romania, women gathered from around Eastern and Central Europe to promote the goals of the Beijing Women's Conference."

Pls let me know if the sentence is O.K. as soon as possible.

Thanks.

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DATE-TIME 09 December 96 19:28
FROM Lorin, Matthew E.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT in process[UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Schwartz, Eric P.
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WOMEN2.
FACT SHEET ON CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S FOLLOW-UP FROM
THE 1995,
U.N.
4th WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN BEIJING

The Administration has been working to promote respect for the
human
rights of women around the world.

☐ USAID funds projects in Africa, Latin America and the Middle
East
encouraging the participation of women in the political process,
including Bangladesh, where the highest percentage of female

voters ever turned out for the national elections, surpassing the percentage of eligible males who voted.

- USAID helps women in Asia and Eastern Europe to protect their legal and economic interests, including a program for women lawyers in Nepal who successfully argued for the Supreme Court to declare a discriminatory property inheritance law unconstitutional.
- At the G7 summit in Lyon this summer, the President announced a \$5 million program in support of women in Bosnia, emphasizing training, legal assistance, and micro-enterprise projects.
- The President appointed a Senior Coordinator for International Women's Issues at the State Department with the mandate to integrate the advancement of women into our foreign policy.
- The Administration funds programs around the world that offer physical protection and promote self-sufficiency for women refugees, including funds to support schools for Afghan refugee girls in Pakistan.
- The Administration committed personnel to work with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to address the reproductive health concerns of women refugees.
- The US sent a delegation to the World Congress on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and is working to combat the international criminal activities involving child prostitution, child pornography, and trafficking of children internationally.

WOMEN'S INITIATIVES FOR 1997

- \$1 million from State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration for Rwandan refugee women, including programs that offer physical protection, economic self-sufficiency and social reintegration.
- \$.5 million from State Department Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration for women around the world in need of access to reproductive health services access to programs that offer protection and self-sufficiency.
- \$1 million of Economic Support Funds to be awarded to a consortium of Asian women's NGOs to combat discrimination against women in

the workplace and violence against women.

☐ Up to \$1 million from 1996 State Department's Democracy and Human Rights Fund (DHRF) for projects focusing on women's empowerment in Africa.

☐ \$.3 million from the Labor Department for the prevention of trafficking in children and child prostitution in Nepal.

☐ \$.2 million from the Labor Department for the prevention of trafficking in children, child prostitution and exploitative child labor practices in Thailand.

☐ \$1.5 million of the \$5 million pledged at the G-7 Conference in Lyon has been committed to women's empowerment initiatives in Bosnia including the "Pasta-Factory," micro-credit, and other business projects.

☐ Department of State and Justice will co-sponsor Conference for US and Russian NGOs focusing on the prevention of international trafficking of women and girls.

☐ Administration is reaffirming its commitment to the ratification of the Convention on the Elimination on all forms of Discrimination against Women.

* These projects are supported by a combination of unobligated FY96 and new FY97 funds.

Julie Su is an attorney at the Asia Pacific Legal Center and co-founder of Sweatshops Watch. Ms. Su investigated and shut down an illegal sweatshop in El Monte, CA that had imprisoned 72 illegal Thai immigrants for several years. Her organization defends the

rights
of immigrant Thai women workers from illegal practices.

Nahid Toubia is a Physician from Sudan and President and Founder of RAINBOW (Research Action and Information Network for Bodily Integrity of Women). Her organization specializes in Women's health and human rights issues, and focuses on FGM (female genital mutilation) and violence. RAINBOW consults with international agencies, non-governmental organizations, the United Nations and foreign governments. It offers technical assistance or research and policy development.

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Wanjiru Muigai is an international human rights lawyer from Kenya.
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FROM Lorin, Matthew E.
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SUBJECT [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Schwartz, Eric P.
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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE

SUBJECT: December 10, International Human Rights Day Event,
"Women's Rights are Human Rights."

Purpose

To commemorate U.N. International Human Rights Day on the theme of
"Women's Rights are Human Rights."

Background

December 10, the anniversary of the adoption by the UN General Assembly of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, is recognized around the world as Human Rights Day. The White House has commemorated this anniversary for many years. "Women's Rights as Human Rights" is a very important new theme in the international human rights movement. It gained increased prominence after the Beijing Women's Conference in 1994, where the First Lady played a prominent role. You hosted a Human Rights Day event in 1993; and a combined Bosnia/Human Rights Day event in 1995.

During your meeting with, you will hear stories...

Following your meeting you will address an assemblage of human rights and women's rights activists. In your remarks you will reaffirm the Administration's commitment to human rights in general and women's rights in particular, emphasizing the Administration's commitment to making the advancement of and equality for women an integral part of our foreign policy; recognizing American women who have been leaders in the international human and women's rights movements; and, announcing 1997 U.S. international initiatives relating to the advancement of women.

RECOMMENDATION

That [Enter recommendation text here]

That [Enter recommendation text here]

Approve _____

Disapprove _____ [Optional]

Attachment

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DATE-TIME 09 December 96 19:58

FROM Lorin, Matthew E.

CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Schwartz, Eric P.

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CLINTON ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS TO PROMOTE RIGHTS OF
WOMEN
FOLLOWING THE UN FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN
BEIJING

☐ USAID supports projects in Africa, Latin America and the Middle East encouraging the participation of women in the political process. In Bangladesh, where AID has been active on this issue, the percentage female voters in recent national elections surpassed the percentage of eligible males who voted.

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girls in Pakistan.

☐ The Administration seconded personnel to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to address the reproductive health concerns of women refugees.

☐ Through the work of the U.S. delegation to the World Congress on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and through other efforts, we are working to combat international criminal activities involving child prostitution, child pornography, and trafficking of children internationally.

NEW INITIATIVES FOR WOMEN

☐ The Administration will renew its effort to obtain from the Senate prompt consent to ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

☐ We will provide \$1 million from State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration for Rwandan refugee women, including programs that offer physical protection, economic self-sufficiency and social reintegration.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARIES

Julie Su is an attorney at the Asia Pacific Legal Center and co-founder of Sweatshops Watch. Ms. Su investigated and helped to shut down an illegal sweatshop in El Monte, CA that had for years imprisoned 72 illegal Thai immigrants. Her organization defends the rights of immigrant Thai women workers from illegal practices.

Nahid Toubia is a Physician from Sudan and President and Founder of RAINBOW (Research Action and Information Network for Bodily Integrity of Women). Her organization specializes in Women's health and human rights issues, and focuses on FGM (female genital mutilation) and violence. RAINBOW consults with international agencies, non-governmental organizations, the United Nations and foreign governments. It offers technical assistance or research and policy development.

Dawn Calabia is Senior External Relations Officer for UNHCR and former Director of International Programs at the U.S. Catholic Conference. She was the driving force behind the U.S. anti-piracy legislation that was designed to end rape and abduction of Vietnamese women and children by pirates in the Gulf of Thailand. She also is one of the co-founders of the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, the leading U.S. organization working against sexual violence and other abuses of women and children refugees.

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- ☐ At the G-7 summit in Lyon last summer, the President announced a \$5 million program to support of women in Bosnia, emphasizing training, legal assistance, and micro-enterprise projects.
- ☐ The President appointed a Senior Coordinator for International Women's Issues at the State Department, with a mandate to integrate the advancement of women into our foreign policy.
- ☐ The Administration funds programs around the world that offer physical protection and promote self-sufficiency for women refugees, including funds to support schools for Afghan refugee girls in Pakistan.
- ☐ The Administration seconded personnel to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to address the reproductive health concerns of women refugees.
- ☐ Through the work of the U.S. delegation to the World Congress on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and through other efforts, we are working to combat international criminal activities involving child prostitution, child pornography, and trafficking of children internationally.

NEW INITIATIVES FOR WOMEN

- ☐ The Administration will renew its effort to obtain from the Senate prompt consent to ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
- ☐ We will provide \$1 million from State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration for Rwandan refugee women, including programs that offer physical protection, economic self-sufficiency and social reintegration.
- ☐ We will provide \$.5 million from the State Department Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration for women around the world to promote access to reproductive health services and to programs that offer protection and self-sufficiency.
- ☐ \$1 million in Economic Support Funds will be awarded to a consortium of Asian women's NGOs to combat discrimination against women in the workplace and violence against women.
- ☐ We will provide up to \$1 million from the State Department's Democracy and Human Rights Fund (DHRF) for projects focusing on

women's empowerment in Africa.

☐ The Labor Department will provide \$.3 million for the prevention of trafficking in children and child prostitution in Nepal.

☐ The Labor Department will provide \$.2 million for the prevention of trafficking in children, child prostitution and exploitative child labor practices in Thailand.

☐ The Department of State and Justice will co-sponsor a Conference for U.S. and Russian NGOs focusing on the prevention of international trafficking of women and girls.

These projects are supported by a combination of unobligated FY '96 and new FY '97 funds.

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Julie Su is an attorney at the Asia Pacific Legal Center and co-founder of Sweatshops Watch. Ms. Su investigated and helped to shut down an illegal sweatshop in El Monte, California that had imprisoned 72 Thai immigrants. Her organization defends the

rights
of immigrant Thai women workers from illegal practices.

Nahid Toubia is a Physician from Sudan and President and Founder of RAINBOW (Research Action and Information Network for Bodily Integrity of Women). Her organization specializes in Women's health and human rights issues, and focuses on female genital mutilation and violence. RAINBOW consults with international agencies, non-governmental organizations, the United Nations and foreign governments. It offers technical assistance or research and policy development.

Dawn Calabria is Senior External Relations Officer for UNHCR and former Director of International Programs at the U.S. Catholic Conference. While working for Representative Stephen Solarz and for the House Foreign Affairs Committee, she was the driving force behind the U.S. anti-piracy legislation that was designed to end rape and abduction of Vietnamese women and children by pirates in the Gulf of Thailand. She is one of the co-founders of the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, the leading U.S. organization working against sexual violence and other abuses of women and children refugees. She is currently involved in promoting UNHCR Guidelines on Protection and Assistance to Refugee Women.

Barbara Frey is Executive Director of Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights. Her organization specializes in investigating arbitrary killings, domestic violence as a human rights abuse, asylum and refugee law, and corporate responsibility for human rights. She has investigated human rights violations in a half dozen countries and she frequently lectures and publishes on international human rights topics.

ROOSEVELT ROOM

December 10, 1996

11:00-11:30 a.m.

10:50 a.m. Guests enter through West Lobby and are escorted to the Roosevelt Room.

10:55 a.m. Nancy Soderberg, Eric Schwartz and members of the First Lady's Office enter the Oval Office to brief the President and First Lady on the event.

11:00 a.m. Following the briefing, Matthew Lorin escorts a small group of women human rights leaders into the Oval Office and makes introductions. Everyone is seated. Meeting begins. (White House Photos).

11:10 a.m. Meeting ends. The guests are escorted from the Oval Office into the Roosevelt Room, where they take their appointed positions behind the lectern.

11:11 a.m. The President, accompanied by the First Lady, the Vice President and Ms. Soderberg enter the Roosevelt Room. All take their positions.

11:12 a.m. The First Lady approaches the lectern, makes remarks, then introduces Ms. Julie Su.

11:13 a.m. Ms. Su approaches the lectern, makes introductory remarks, introduces the President, then returns to her position behind the lectern.

11:15 a.m. The President approaches the lectern, makes remarks, then walks over to the table to sign the Human Rights Day Proclamation.

11:22 a.m. The President signs the Human Rights Day Proclamation.

11:23 a.m. After signing the Proclamation, The President steps forward and shakes hands with those seated in the front rows and, if time permits, mingles with other guests.

11:30 a.m. The President and First Lady exit the Roosevelt Room. The President returns to the Oval Office.

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HUMAN RIGHTS DAY, BILL OF RIGHTS DAY,
AND HUMAN RIGHTS WEEK

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

When America's founders crafted the Constitution and Bill of Rights more than two centuries ago, they not only created a blueprint for the conduct of American government, but they also gave expression to a vision of human dignity that inspires people to this day the world over. Our Nation's commitment to the freedoms enumerated in the Bill of Rights -- among them freedom of speech, religion, and assembly, and the right to due process and a fair trial -- serves as a beacon of hope to oppressed peoples everywhere.

Americans continue to work to improve our application of equality under the law for all our own citizens, as we believe that freedom and justice are the birthright of humankind. We are also working daily to foster and promote the growth of these rights in other countries. Indeed, the championing of democracy and human rights serves as a cornerstone of my Administration's foreign policy.

As we observe Human Rights Day, Bill of Rights Day, and Human Rights Week, we can take satisfaction in our progress in advancing human rights around the world in the past decade. In fact, more than half the people in the world now live under democratic political systems. Even in countries still struggling to establish basic human rights and freedoms, we are seeing some progress. And brave reformers such as Aung San Suu Kyi of Burma continue to press their rightful demand for freedom.

It is also encouraging that, with the growth and development of the human rights movement, there has been greater awareness and appreciation that women's rights are human rights.

Just over a year ago, representatives from 189 countries met in Beijing at the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women.

That historic gathering focused the attention of the world on women's rights and needs. Now, we are beginning to see some progress. In many countries, increasing numbers of women are contesting and attaining public office and playing a vital role in shaping the political agenda. In Romania, women gathered from around Central and Eastern Europe to promote the goals of the Beijing women's conference. Thailand has passed a new anti-prostitution law. Women in Namibia are now afforded equal rights with men in marriage. Chile has made a serious commitment to expanding educational opportunities for girls. And in the United States, the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, that I signed into law in September of 1994, reflects our profound national commitment to ending abuse against women. These are just a few hopeful signs of improvement in global respect for women's rights, and it is fitting that we celebrate them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim December 10, 1996, as Human Rights Day; December 15, 1996, as Bill of Rights Day; and the week beginning December 10, 1996, as Human Rights Week. I call upon the people of the United States to celebrate these observances with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that demonstrate our national commitment to the Constitution and the promotion of human rights for all people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-first.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

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