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8A Stans trip (Nov. 9-18)

Themes

Central Asia - enhance
engagement w/ Cent. Asia;
promote stability

First Lady's

trip: • reaffirm imp'tce that
Wash has for them
• Construction of civil society
• highlight what we've done
to assist in trans. to
democ.

Pre-advance - late Sept.
• need to invest in
women of democ. is to
succeed.

* Emphasize democ message
~~By~~ not simply commercial
aspects. Pres. said this

to Pre. Aliev

Thurs 1 day / capital

- reforms • Amatiy
- civil society • Bishket, Kazakhstan
- role in • Taskent, Uzbekistan
- women's role in bldg civil se.

- women's sts
- NGO role in bldg civil se.
- (local hosp. & bus. assoc. were set up)

Cultural
st. ops

• Bukhara, Uzbekistan
Samarkand

- walking tour
- ? - UNESCO culture
- ? - relig. tolerance (sm. Jewish community)

—
Kazakhstan - problem w
Russian minorities -

• underlying theme =
value/vibrance of a multi-ethnic
society
(Capital is being moved
north, into central region,
heavily Russian.)

◀ Siberia

7. Moldova - Amb. claims
HRC said she'd like
to visit -- will
need @ least 4 hrs.

7. — deserves pat —
back for fair elec. —
do it. things can
reform — could support
this theme.

Pre-advise. late Sep/mid Oct
see as many options
as possible
no commitments until
return from pre-advise

- must do protocol, etc
- substantive
- cultural/touristy

▲ This group should meet
again before pre-advise
leaves -- to help us
understand the rational
connections.

▲ Need embassy recommend-
for sched asap.

9/5/97 Stans Planning

MV

• Considerable press coverage

Doc of Embassy re-mediation
w/ Hema:

- Social Dev. - human needs req. to be met to build democ.

- role of women/NGO's

- gen'l uplift + demonstrate that
our country cares

- wants to go w/ as many
deliverables as possible:

AID - very good @ providing reproj.

PVO's - making will make

signif. contribs. ^{commit - w} in ^{ing}

Grantees - clinic openings, etc

- Foundations are calling
w/ offers

- expect pharmaceuticals, etc to
weigh in.

- Announcements -- attach.

Green

- Refs have taken place — Supporting them — reform = wk in progress — we'll cont. support. Dem/Econ reforms go together studies/charts show that — Econ 80 & dem. reform go hand in hand. — Eastern Eur. is at the low end of that ratio. HRC can emphasize that if they want to be like Poland & Czech, must cont. to dem. can emphasize

Dick — We're prepared to stay the course — there for the long haul

Kyle — Reminds everyone that they're behind Poland/Czech because they started out so far behind.

- HRC needs to emphasize that dem/econ reform are among most imp't elements in ~~trans~~ social justice

Green — ^{It's} the absence of reform that has held them back. They need more reform to achieve progress.

Key - change is tough -- use this as an excuse --
1 drs. who benefit +
2. state gov

Green - Baptist + other non-hierarchical church are flourishing --
HRC should emphasize the
importance of relig. freedom --
relig. diversity is a positive
value.

per key

MV - HRC wants to make space
to relig. (+ ethnic) freedom
Green rec. Kirkastan and
Siberia.

overall approach
Official understanding of themes +
respect for their situation

< need to program some downtime
on Day #2 -- time zone changes
are exhausting

Green - says one or two good
spots a day can be
better than a frenzied,
exhausting sched.

Imp. v.
her message

↳ She choose to spend time to
will telegraph an imp. message.

Kye - pushes student visits (as the future
more often because they are Eng. speaking)

↳ Sm. grants to women leaders

Speak legions

Kazakhstan

- will go all must go events
- also will meet w/ ^{then} oppos. Ids.
- prefers not long by dinner
- can say we prefer reception to dinner -- *retire early.

Green - Almaty - best place for a
bus. event.

- emphasize bus. philanthropic activities
- a mean of enhancing
civil society.

* need an event that reinforce
the imptc of educ/schools

MM need a purpose/theme setting
speech in the beg. of the
trip.

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scoop says Am. press will not
be helpful in trying to
get a richer ~~discussion~~
exchange to NGOs that
are uneasy because of
lack of democ. -- chink
of retaliation.

Samkanf

- Cultural Remarks + 2 hrs. of
cultural activities -- can
combine food + cultural event

< sugg. stopover in Finland

THE FIRST LADY'S VISIT TO CENTRAL ASIA, RUSSIA AND UKRAINE
MENU OF POTENTIAL SITE VISITS

ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN

I. Must Do Events

--Meeting with President and Mrs. Nazarbayev. This meeting would take place in the President's office and serve as the official GOK welcome for the First Lady. It provides Mrs. Clinton the opportunity to convey greetings from the President and articulate U.S. support for a strong U.S.--Kazakhstan bilateral relationship. She would also be able to note that the President will be seeing Nazarbayev in Washington November 18 in connection with the U.S.--Kazakhstan Joint Commission meetings.

reception
--Official dinner hosted by President and Mrs. Nazarbayev. It is likely that the First Lady will be invited to dine with President Nazarbayev and his family. President Nazarbayev will want to hear Mrs. Clinton's impressions of her day's activities and offer his own thoughts on issues of interest to her.

* --Embassy Community Event. A brief but important opportunity for the First Lady to acknowledge the efforts of Embassy staff, both American and Kazakhstani, in conducting U.S. policy overseas and arranging her program. This will be particularly meaningful for our large local staff, who rarely have the opportunity to meet someone of the First Lady's stature.

II. Substantive Events

--Meeting with local lawyers and judges. With USAID support, the American Bar Association (ABA) is helping local judges and lawyers to establish professional standards and begin to develop the concept of judicial independence. The ABA is also promoting the idea of developing a professional organization for judges and lawyers in Kazakhstan. Mrs. Clinton could comment on the importance of judicial independence and integrity in a civil society and discuss the difficulties legal professionals face in the post--Soviet era. This meeting could be arranged as a breakfast at the First Lady's hotel.

* --Official Opening of Women's Wellness Center. The Women's Wellness Center was developed under a medical partnership between USAID and the American International Health Alliance. The Center offers maternal and child health care,

Green suggests relg. speech here. -- Respect for plan

*Peace Corps
high light activities bus. community*

family planning counseling and other women's health services. It also provides general health education. Mrs. Clinton's presence would be a tangible expression of U.S. support for innovative ways of addressing women's health needs. Local women's health activists would be invited to attend.

* --Meeting with Women Political, Business and NGO Leaders. Leading women from Kazakhstan's political, commercial and social spheres (from ten to fifteen participants) would gather for a discussion of how women are contributing to the development of democracy and market economy in Kazakhstan. The session could easily be configured as a roundtable luncheon to accommodate scheduling needs.

* --Speech Before the Central Asian Conference on Women in Politics. The U.S. Information Service and a local Women's Organization are sponsoring a conference designed to attract Women leaders from throughout Kazakhstan and all of Central Asia. We anticipate up to one hundred participants gathering for three days of discussions. A presentation by the First Lady would, of course, be the highlight. We would suggest as a possible theme for her remarks: Empowering Women: Women as a Force for Political and Social Change.

* --Student Roundtable. The Kazakhstan Association of Youth Leaders is heavily involved in civic education and trains youth leaders based on model successfully implemented in California. We would suggest a roundtable discussion on volunteerism and the environment - how students can be example for the community. We would also invite Kazakhstan's Globe Program country coordinator and Peace Corps volunteers involved in the Globe Program.

III. Cultural Events

* --Kazakhstan State National Museum. The State Museum would provide colorful overview of Kazakhstan's history, including its nomadic traditions, the establishment of Almaty as a Russian garrison town, the movement of slavic ethnic groups into Kazakhstan and the beginning of the Soviet Period. There is a full-sized model of a Yurt, the traditional home of Kazakh nomads, and the museum could arrange for a local children's dance group to perform.

* --Handicraft exhibit. An opportunity to view the works of local artisans, including skilled quilt makers. This could perhaps be folded into the museum visit or the brief event at the Embassy.

Should include:
Mistic/
Bradley
Program
Alumni
(Student
exch. Partner)

Very colorful

Comp. B. I.
mayor
speech

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BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN

P6(b)(6)

I. Must Do Events

--We presume that President Akayev will want to meet FLOTUS. Also, quite likely, given the protocol aspect and the general themes of the visit, Madame Akayeva is likely to want to draw the First Lady into an event regarding her favorite charity, the Meerim Fund for Children. If these events are proposed, it would be politic to accept in some form. However, post would recommend limiting the time devoted to the Meerim Fund.

II. Substantive Events

* --Novo--Pokrovka Village Bank. 10--15 minutes from Bishkek. One of six village banks set up by FINCA, a USAID grantee. Banks serve small traders (mostly women). The small loans have a repayment rate of over 99 percent. Weekly meetings are held in homes of members. FLOTUS could visit a meeting, then stop by the nearby market, where 50--80 beneficiaries of the loans are located.

--USAID's Global Training Program. Various venue scenarios (due to numerous programs, past and present), all in Bishkek. U.S.--based programs include: health facility management; power pooling; international economics and power sector private finance; quality control in medical care, together with new provider payment system; strengthening NGO leadership and management. Regional and third--country training includes similar topics to the above, plus: regional energy and water usage; health reform; regulation and policy for the electricity sector; e--mail and computer training; law library training. In--country training has included numerous sessions in tax administration, corporate accounting, budgeting, economic crime, and customs valuation.

* --USAID/CDC Program for Infectious Disease. Venue could be arranged in Bishkek. Likewise, with a program for ? inoculating children.

--Taza--Gul Bio--Enriched Topsoil Center. Now run by a Kyrgyz NGO. Originally set up by ISAR under USAID grant. Center recycles residential trash and cow manure, using vermiculture composting. The project became sustainable in short order and is environmentally sound. In earlier stages, the project employed a number of Tajik refugees. A recent training session for local farmers was attended by President Akayev.

--USAID--assisted Stock Market. Actively engaged in new listings and assisting in portfolio investment.

-- Adbashin Farm for Shiitake Mushrooms. Ten to fifteen minutes from Bishkek. Set up by Winrock volunteers from a failing poultry farm. Masterminded by a woman member of the Kyrgyzstani Academy of Sciences.

--Counterpart Consortium. In Bishkek. Funds local NGOS, including "aid for artisans." Recipients embroider traditional Kyrgyz patterns (traditionally used in Yurts) onto backpacks and other innovative media, then successfully market the products abroad.

--USAID/ICMA Condominium. In Bishkek. Coops and condominiums for various income groups. Women heavily involved, including a woman construction engineer. Could also visit a democratic residents' council or a block meeting.

--USAID/ICMA local government program. Could visit village Kenesh (council) near Bishkek. Could be good photo op with Yurts and other local color. Various new initiatives are starting, so visit might coincide with some kick--off event. Kyrgyzstan now has over 5,000 elected members of village, town, and city councils, making the country a clear leader in the region for decentralization and democratization initiatives. A village could be the venue for a discussion of rule of law. Time permitting, we could also stage a demonstration of traditional Kyrgyz trick horseback riding by both men and women.

--Seismic Center. In Bishkek. To be U.S.--funded (Vice President Gore has promised support.) Could possibly stage a kick--off event, ribbon--cutting, etc., if far enough along by FLOTUS visit.

--USAID/ABT Associates Health Care Reform. Hospital number six, Bishkek. One of a series of hospitals being incorporated into a modern healthcare system.

--USAID/AIHA Nursing Management Training Center. Bishkek. Also a Kansas hospital partnership for oncology and pediatrics.

--Micro Hydro--Power for villages. Could stage presentation in Bishkek. Provides one megawatt power facilities for remote villages.

Can
this
help
w/ Nova
(Bank
prev. page)
bring
folks
together
from other
SIGs.

* --Central Asian--American Enterprise Fund. USAID supported. (former Congressman Steve Solarz is CEO of this treasury--funded NGO which supports private enterprise throughout Central Asia.) Invests in and lends to a wide range of Kyrgyzstani business ventures. Renovating a building shell which was abandoned from an earlier period, turning it into modern office space for Kyrgyzstani entities. Could visit building site.

--Central Asian--American Enterprise Fund. Bishkek. Company for glove manufacturing (mostly women), beginning to export to western markets.

--Peace Corps volunteers working with the Meerim fund for children. Among other things, Meerim and Peace Corps co--sponsor the Globe Program for environmental education, which uses e--mail and other media.

--AK ZHOL Center for Homeless Children. In Bishkek. Peace Corps volunteer works with the Kyrgyz children's fund (a local NGO).

--English Teaching. Could stage event in Bishkek. Over 100 volunteers have taught English to over 10,000 students. Programs have also highlighted English as a medium for environmental and health education.

--Small enterprise development. Could stage event in Bishkek. Program has assisted farmers' associations, children's funds, etc.

--Community projects. Could stage event in Bishkek. Many programs in career counseling, medical information, financing of tractors, children's funds, youth sports leagues, etc.

* --Peace Corps is already planning a conference in November for all volunteers in country. This might be made to coincide with the FLOTUS visit.

* --Speech on rule of law or civic education. ?

--Kyrgyz--American faculty, recipient of large USIA grant. Bishkek. A highly innovative addition to the national university, spearheading educational reforms, including legal education. Could be an ideal venue for a speech by FLOTUS on rule of law or civic education. Could invite key ministers, educational exchangees, etc. to speech, highlighting graduates of USIA educational exchanges. FLOTUS could then tour facilities or hold

discussion with participants, time permitting. (Many KAF students were prior high school exchangees to the U.S. under the USIA Bradley program.)

* --TV Program. Could feature a panel of women lawyers on a program such as "call--in Thursday," which is a popular program for social issues. There are many top--notch women lawyers in Kyrgyzstan, not least the Minister of Justice and the top judge in the constitutional court.

* --USDA/Mercy Corps. Could stage event in Bishkek. Program funds planting of crops, other rural development programs. A number of hospitals, old people's homes, orphanages, kindergartens, and pediatric hospitals benefit from U.S. food programs. The U.S. also supports a soup kitchen and a wheelchair factory.

Sm. grant to support HR type Proj

--USDA, Cochran Training Program. Could stage event in Bishkek. Several Kyrgyzstani citizens have participated in training in the U.S. could meet with graduates of the program. (Post's current priority is training in land tenure and related programs, but this initiative has just begun.)

III. Cultural Events:

--Ethnic Kyrgyz evince pride in their cultural traditions in nearly everything they do, so it will not be difficult to work in a cultural angle. The difficulty lies in the fact that we won't have time to get far out of Bishkek. The fact is, the farther away from big cities one gets, the more in evidence is traditional Kyrgyz culture. In town, one could probably organize a concert of traditional songs and dances, perhaps in a yurt especially set up for the occasion.

Essentially no demo. in Uzbek.
TASHKENT, UZBEKISTAN

Makes it tough to get an honest discussion w/ NK's

I. Must Do ?

--Meeting with President Karimov in his office. Karimov normally prefers to meet about 5 pm, and substantive meetings with him normally last about two hours. This may be the best setting for an exchange of gifts, if that is anticipated. President normally gives a gift to all who meet with him at the end of the meeting.

Need embassy to find out !! 8 towns

--Formal banquet hosted by President Karimov at Ourman Dacha. Press and television will be present and this will be an opportunity for the principal statement on bilateral

relations which FLOTUS would make. State banquets follow a regular, fairly sedate routine and generally end before 10 p.m.

--Meeting with Prime Minister Sultanov. Given interests stated by FLOTUS for this visit, we suggest that, on the Uzbek side, the (female) Deputy Prime Minister in charge of women's issues, the Health Minister, the Parliamentary Human Rights Ombudsman and the head of the official human rights office also be invited to this meeting.

II. Substantive Events

* --Working[?] at Ambassador's residence. Uzbek NGO leaders in human rights and women's issues fields would be invited. Note: NGO leaders are more likely to speak freely if a) they are in a meeting where government officials are not present and b) the venue is closed and controlled, such as Ambassador's Residence. An alternative site for this lunch would be the Intercontinental Hotel.

* * * --Visit Tashkent Medical Institute II ("Tashmi II"), the principal local beneficiary of medical supplies brought in on the 500th operation provide hope flight, which FLOTUS saw off at Andrews Air Base on June 19. Tashmi II will give FLOTUS the opportunity to see how Uzbek beneficiaries of provide hope have put equipment and supplies to use. Tashmi II would be an appropriate site for a statement on health issues.

* --Visit Tashkent Businesswomen's Association. The association supports women entrepreneurs throughout the country. It has received support from counterpart project, Mercy Corps and the Eurasia Foundation and will receive assistance from the counterpart consortium, which has received a grant from USAID. It was visited by Ambassador Morningstar.

--Visit to a "Red Apple" pharmacy, part of a chain of pharmacies owned by Ms. Munira Karieva, a dynamic businesswoman. Her chain is an important participant in the Somarc Family Planning Project.

--Meeting (perhaps breakfast meeting) at Ambassador's residence for not more than 20 invited members of American business community/American Chamber of Commerce. Opportunity for brief remarks to the group on USG support for American business overseas.

would allow for 200-300 staff to hear her.

Combine

US has emphasis on family planning as alt. to abortion. planning. Chicago firm

Pro family planning

* * * Counter above emphasize US/Uzbek relat.

III. Cultural events

hideo tyrant

--Visit Amir Timur Museum. Celebrates Uzbekistan's official national hero, known in the west as Tamerlane. A regular stop for visiting dignitaries. Embassy is prepared to explore with Smithsonian contacts the possibility of a loan item or set of items which FLOTUS could dedicate or unveil at this site. If there is insufficient time to finalize a loan before FLOTUS visit, FLOTUS could perhaps announce that a loan will take place in future.

--Wreath--laying at the statue of Alisher Navo'i, the greatest Uzbek poet. Another regular stop for visiting Heads of State, this site is outside in a park setting.

* --Visit artisans' shops in old Madrassah in Navo'i Park. These artisans produce fine examples of traditional crafts.

--Brief visit to American Embassy to greet staff and American community; possibly also to dedicate a small renovation project that is expected to be completed by November.

SAMARKAND, UZBEKISTAN

Colorful city
looks old + ancient - very different from Bukhara

FYI: The main difference between Samarkand and Bukhara is that Samarkand is a modern industrial city of 600,000 with spectacular historic monuments scattered around it. Bukhara is a smaller city (at most 250,000) where the historic monuments blend in much more with the traditional surroundings.

I. Must Do

--Meeting with Khokim (governor) of Samarkand Oblast; possibly luncheon hosted by Khokim.

II. Substantive events

* --Visit women's crisis center. Recently established center with two hot--lines and trained counselors to provide support to women, especially potential suicides. Sponsored by government and headed by the Deputy Prime Minister for women's issues. Supported by U.S.--funded agencies.

--Visit to "Red Apple" pharmacy. If this option is not exercised in Tashkent, there is a branch in Samarkand.

Need spf for
Relig diversity
Suggests Khos

much bigger than Bukhara
must drive from pt to pt.

--Visit to Synagogue. Samarkand's ancient Jewish Community remains vibrant, and is headed by an activist young rabbi.

--Visit regional Artisans' Development Center. Building donated by local government is being turned into an artisans' center with sales rooms, workshops and studies, tourist facilities, etc. Has received U.S. assistance funds and is run by an independent board of directors. Opportunity for FLOTUS to see relatively high quality hand-made products once again being produced for the tourist market and export.

III. Cultural Events

--Visit "Tomb of Daniel." Local tradition holds that the Old Testament prophet revered by Christians, Jews and Muslims is buried here. Fairly well-known Muslim pilgrimage site. Located on outskirts of Samarkand.

--Tour of historic monuments in center of city. The Samarkand tourist round is pretty standard: Registan Square (a beautiful ensemble of three Madrassahs), Bibi Khonum Mosque, Gur Emir Mausoleum (where Timur is buried), Shah--I--Zinda ensemble (a group of ornate tombs), and Ulugbek's Observatory. Such a tour can be completed in 2--3 hours and offers superb photo ops.

BUKHARA, UZBEKISTAN

I. Must Do

--Meeting with Khokim (Governor) of Bukhara Oblast. This could take the form of a luncheon hosted by the Khokim, lasting not more than one and one--half hours. In this case, locally based Americans, including Peace Corps volunteers, could be invited. Recipients of U.S.--funded assistance not visited otherwise could also be invited.

II. Substantive Events

--Visit marriage and family private clinic. Owned by Uzbek husband/wife physician team, clinic focuses on women's diseases. It has received support from USAID contractors.

--Visit Bukhara Information and Cultural Center. Woman director. Provides business services, tourist information, educational counseling services, uses student volunteers. Started with help of Peace Corps volunteer, has received support from several U.S.--funded projects.

Richness of
Cultural Diversity

Relig.
Freedom
(Islam)

all black/white/gray
Small plane
suitable for walking tour

that must emphasize
a counterbalance
n? of state visit.

--Visit private enterprise "Nataly," a company headed by a dynamic woman and which has been aided by mercy corps. Produces prostheses.

--Visit regional Artisans' Development center.

* --Stop at the still--functioning synagogue in the old Jewish Quarter, home for centuries to the unique Central Asian population of Bukharan Jews.

Religious
Tree
diversity

III. Cultural Events

* --Tour historic city of Bukhara. A large scale celebration of the 2500th anniversary of the founding of Bukhara will have taken place in October, and the city is undergoing considerable refurbishment of its many monuments. Depending on the weather, city tour should offer many opportunities for photos ---- visuals are spectacular. FLOTUS may wish to make a statement on the importance of historic preservation at one of these sites. Also, director of the museum at the "ark" (the old city fortress) is an NGO--leader trained in the U.S.

* --Tour Summer Palace (summer home of the Emirs of Bukhara until overthrown by Bolsheviks in 1920), or tomb of the founder of the Naqshbandi Sufi sect. Both these sites are 20--25 minutes outside the city by motorcade. Although summer palace is famous and of some historical/cultural interest, there is little substantive reason to visit it. Naqshbandi venue, however, remains a very active pilgrimage site and would serve to honor a relatively pietistic, politically moderate strain of Muslim tradition which remains strong in Central Asia.

merchant's house

(Note: Embassy recommends against overnighting in Bukhara because 1) both the Khokimiate guest house and the best local hotel are less secure and have poorer facilities than can be found in Tashkent; 2) the GOU would insist on giving a dinner ---- from USG perspective, one event, a luncheon, is more than adequate for Bukhara.)

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NOVOSIBIRSK, RUSSIA

- 3-4 hrs by air

Main themes for Novosibirsk could include paying tribute to the pioneering spirit of Siberia and how that can contribute to a successful approach to new economic and social opportunities, and of the achievements of Siberian science. We have an American business center in Novosibirsk.

I. Must Do Events

--Call on Novosibirsk Oblast Governor Vitaliy Mukha and on Novosibirsk Mayor Viktor Tolokonskiy. Governor Mukha has risen above his CPSU Party past to become one of the stronger Russian governors and someone Yeltsin can deal with. He is currently Chairman of the Association of Siberian Governors.

II. Substantive Events

--Possible business roundtable, with involvement of local (USG funded) American Business Center (ABC), focusing on small business, opportunities for women, and U.S. partnerships. Possibly a separate meeting with women entrepreneurs. The Novosibirsk International Business Association (started by the ABC), and some of its key members, could also be involved. This event could also include alumni of the USG--funded business for Russia Program (BFR), plus BFR participants slated to go to the U.S. this fall.

--The USAID--Supported "Siberian Civic Initiatives Support Center" could host a roundtable discussion including local political leaders and key NGO's. The center has been very supportive of NGO activism in political, economic, and social fields.

* --Visit to the Novosibirsk Center for Independent Living, an advocate for the needs of disabled people in the region which provides counseling, medical treatment and home care to approximately 200 disabled people. Participation by the USG--Assisted NGO "Finist," which, among other things, builds wheelchairs and lobbies for the rights of the disabled, would add a nice visual element to this event.

--Visit to the nearby "Akademgorodok," a huge academic--scientific community founded in the soviet period. Perestroika was born here when Gorbachev saw a copy of the "Novosibirsk report" (produced in secret by two Akademgorodok economists) on the need to restructure the Soviet economy. There is a U.S. Foundation--Funded Computer Center there and key work is being done at Akademgorodok in, inter alia, particle acceleration.

--A roundtable at the Novosibirsk Technical University could focus on high--tech communications by demonstrating internet/web services by the "City Internet Initiative" and the USG--supported "Russian American Press Information Center (RAPIC). RAPIC could probably help secure excellent

press coverage for this event.

--Possible media event with independent broadcast media or interview to be broadcast widely in Siberia on well--known state television program (TV bridges). Visit to a breast--feeding project at maternity homes where babies "room--in" with their mothers (unique phenomenon in Russia) or visit to family planning clinics.

--A visit to the "New Perspectives Foundation," which is USG--supported through a USAID grant to the International Republican Institute (IRI), would highlight U.S. support for and Russian NGO efforts in promoting young people's participation in the electoral and political process.

--Event coordinated by Novosibirsk NGO resource center focusing on development of civil society through NGO's.

--Visit to the Environmental Institute of the Novosibirsk Academy of Sciences.

--Meeting with local exchange alumni (AID, USIA, etc.).

--Visit to the Novosibirsk Academy of Economic Management to highlight the academy's partnership with Washington State University to create a two--year graduate degree program in health care management.

--A visit to the physics and math high school (Physmat school) at Akademgorodok, which is a boarding school attracting winners of science Olympiads from around Russia, would highlight the region's focus on science. Physmat school has had an exchange program with Phillips Andover Academy for over 10 years.

X --Visit to the Siberian Center's Youth Volunteer Program. Seventeen youths have completed a 40--hour course on volunteerism and nine projects are currently being implemented. Projects range from a drive to collect art materials for a local orphanage to creation of a cultural center for kids. Video footage of these projects could be shown on a large screen and the kids themselves could talk about their work.

--A visit to the Siberian bank training center in Novosibirsk would focus on the creation of a market--oriented training capacity in Siberia. The center (USAID and USIA--supported), teaches a state--of--the--art curriculum in professional education for commercial bankers. The program combines Russia's only master's degree program

in banking with seminars on topics of current market interest. The center serves both banks and bankers, key elements of the new market economy in Siberia.

--Roundtable meeting with non--orthodox religious groups to discuss religious freedom, plus a call on the local leader of the Russian Orthodox Church. If the issue of a restrictive religion law is still plaguing Russia at the time of the First Lady's visit, this would be an excellent opportunity to underscore U.S. support for the principle of freedom of worship in Russia.

--Site visit to small grant program or Eurasia Foundation--funded activities.

III. Cultural Events:

--Visit to the Novosibirsk opera/ballet company; Russia's third most important.

X --Visit to the renowned regional bazaar.

YEKATERINBURG, RUSSIA

The themes for a stop in Yekaterinburg could include the central importance of an open society, open markets, and the free flow of people and ideas. Oblast Governor Rossel is a powerful local figure whose popularity is based on an Anti--Moscow (and pro--regions) line. President Yeltsin is from Sverdlovsk Oblast. We have both a Consulate General and an American Business Center there.

I. Must Do Events:

--Meetings with Sverdlovsk Oblast Governor Rossel and Yekaterinburg mayor Chernetskiy.

visit to Consulate

II. Substantive Events:

* Visit to Uralmash, a giant Soviet--era enterprise which has successfully restructured itself in partnership with the U.S. firm Caterpillar. The new enterprise has an arts--oriented school for the children of employees and university--to--university programs to train potential employees. Note: The restructuring involved laying off a large portion of the workforce, so there is pain as well as gain involved here.

--Meet with journalism students at the Urals State University for a discussion of freedom of the press. USIA

supports journalism studies there, through both university partnerships (the University of Akron, the University of Southern Illinois, and the University of North Carolina) and U.S.--purchased computer equipment.

* --Roundtable or similar event with the Urals Women's Association, focusing on women in politics (there are at least two prominent female political figures connected with the association), women in business, or social welfare issues.

--A business roundtable meeting could be arranged through the USG--supported American Entrepreneurship Center, which was set up to provide start--up skills and training for small and new businesses. They have a strategic partnership for training with the Urals State University. Also, the USAID--Funded International Executive Service Corps (IESC),
* which has a strong program in Yekaterinburg, could be featured here.

* --Visit to the American Center, located in the municipal library. The center is a focal point for USG activities in Yekaterinburg, and houses an educational information center and an internet public access site. There is also an office of the American Council of Teachers of Russian (ACTR) in the building.

* --A visit to a social NGO, such as "Chance," a children's fund which works to protect the legal rights of young offenders and help them find jobs after they complete their sentences. Other active NGO's, with which we have had contact, include Goodwill, which offers help and services to other NGO's, a long--distance diagnosis program for area medical clinics, and an NGO involved with helping the disabled.

--Visit to the independent TV station "Channel 4," one of the most successful independent media organizations in the country.

--Participation in a morning or evening television talk show, possibly on the theme of "Civil Society," on the local program "Stand."

--Meeting with alumni of U.S. exchange programs, possibly highlighting small business and the link to the Business for Russia Program (BFR) or utilizing the USAID and USDOC--Supported Small Business Development Center.

--Visit to family planning clinics.

X --Visit to the Labor Law Clinic of Sergey Belyaev, which is supported by the USG--funded Free Trade Union Institute (FTUI) of the AFL--CIO. (Belyaev was recently in the news because he lost a lawsuit--countersuit against the mayor of Yekaterinburg for libel.) The clinic has been an active proponent of worker's rights and other human rights, and has been unique in pursuing those rights in the courts, an avenue generally underutilized in Russia.

--An event which highlights the successful EBRD (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development) Microlending Program would be a good follow--on to the First Lady's visit to Grameen Bank Projects in Bangladesh. The EBRD program's loans are larger than Grameen's, but we could identify several successful women entrepreneurs who are clients of the program. This event would also highlight USG funding of EBRD as part of our G--7 commitment.

--Visit to the USIA Internet Project at the American Center and/or the SOROS Foundation--Ministry of Education Internet Project.

--Roundtable meeting with local representatives of various religious groups, possibly in conjunction with a call on the local leadership of the Russian Orthodox Church.

--Visit to the Coca Cola and/or Pepsi plants currently under construction.

III. Cultural Events:

--Visit to (possibly for performance) the Urals Philharmonic Orchestra, which has a partnership with Sarah Caldwell of the Boston Opera.

--Visit to the site of the murder of the Russian Royal Family (Note: The house in which the murder took place was torn down on orders from Moscow during President Yeltsin's tenure as Sverdlovsk Oblast Communist Party Secretary.) 7

LVIV, UKRAINE

I Must do

A meeting with the oblast Governor would be obligatory. There is also a possibility that President Kuchma would designate a high--ranking member of his government to participate in the visit.

II Substantive events

--Deliver a message on the importance of religious and ethnic reconciliation in an historically contested region of Central Europe. Emphasize U.S. support for growing Ukrainian--Polish cooperation.

* --Visit the site of a historic Jewish cemetery desecrated first by the Nazis and later by the Soviets.

--Lviv Vodokanal water supply improvement project. The first phase of this project, improved water pumping and storage has been completed. It provides 10 hours of water a day to more than 30,000 citizens in one district of Lviv, who had only 0--3 hours of water prior to this USG funded program. A lunch could be arranged at the home of one of the residents whose life has changed since she now receives running water on a regular basis. Mrs. Clinton could meet with women in one of the high--rise buildings to understand their living conditions and the problems they face without a supply of running water. There are also modular water purification units which are being installed in the region and the First Lady could visit a Lviv hospital and oversee the installation.

* --The Hospital Partnership Program. Administered by USAID and the Lviv Oblast Clinical Hospital, the Partnership opened a Regional Neonatal Resuscitation training center in January. The center is the first neonatal resuscitation training center in the former Soviet Union and will serve as a model for countries throughout the region. The partnership program's introduction of neonatal intensive care practices allows the hospital to provide intensive care for premature and critically--ill newborns.

--Regional Land Agriculture Project. This program promotes Ukrainian--Polish trade in the agricultural sector and is developing a program to hand out loans for small agro--business development. It is possible that by November, a small agro firm will be in business for Mrs. Clinton to visit. ACDI/VOCA provides technical assistance to small and medium scale agricultural enterprises in the areas of production, post--harvest handling, processing, marketing, extension and institutional development, while promoting private agribusiness development and support for private farming.

* --Agribusiness Volunteer Program. U.S. agribusiness professionals volunteer their skills and experience to

upgrade agricultural systems and strengthen private farming. A group of private women farmers in the Lviv region have worked with this group to set up their own farms; it would be interesting for the First Lady to talk with them about the particular hardships facing women farmers, especially the problems in establishing ownership of farmland.

--Counterpart. A new democratic social service development program titled "counterpart alliance for partnership," designed to help develop sustainable Ukrainian non--government organizations capable of providing social services to the most vulnerable Ukrainian citizens will distribute small grants of up to \$15,000 to the Ukrainian NGO's. Mrs. Clinton could award these grants during her visit.

--U.S.--Ukraine Community Partnerships for Training and Education. This new program will establish four public education training centers, a central coordinating facility center and will deliver local government training for partnered and non--partnered Ukrainian communities.

III Cultural Events

--The Old City. A 40--minute walking tour of the historic city center would showcase Lviv's architectural gems, including the 19th century University building and a medieval church.

--Jewish Cemetery Site. The U.S. has led efforts to restore the city's historic Jewish cemetery which was desecrated first by the Nazis and later by the Soviets.

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