

Hillary,

Here is:

- 1) a new draft of remarks for you
- 2) a copy of the President's remarks
- 3) the AP story about Irv Williams, which has lots of information in it.

I couldn't track down Irv on the grounds, in his office, or at home. I've left messages for him, and if he calls back and has something to add, I'll pass it on to you.

More astoundingly, the script of the video is nowhere to be found. But, from what I can piece together, it includes three-sentence vignettes about each First Lady attending the gala -- their causes and their beautification efforts.

According to the AP story, you and the President have planted three trees -- an American elm, a willow oak, and a little leaf linden. Since Irv wasn't around, nobody in groundskeeping could verify that.

Let me know if I can do anything else. Sorry the first version wasn't more helpful.

PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
THE NATIONAL GARDEN GALA
U.S. BOTANICAL GARDEN
MAY 11, 1994

TALKING POINTS

This evening is a wonderful reminder of the importance of beauty in our lives. Not just the beauty of our natural surroundings, but also the beauty of the human spirit.

I'm talking about the compassion and caring exhibited by the First Ladies of this country, going all the way back to the beginning.

Recently, at President Nixon's funeral, I talked about how you can't be in the job of the Presidency without feeling some connection to the people and the families who went before you.

That's why it's so special for Hillary and me to be surrounded by the First Ladies who are with us tonight, and to think about the contributions of Mrs. Onassis and Mrs. Johnson, who we wish could be with us for this celebration.

Every First Lady leaves her mark. Whether working to enhance American culture, or the environment, or volunteerism, or mental health services, or drug awareness, or literacy, these extraordinary women have made lasting contributions to the life of their nation.

They are, in many respects, unsung heroines. They don't ask for the job. But they do remarkable things once they are in it.

So, instead of just paying tribute to them tonight, I think we should join together as Americans in paying tribute to them every day -- and thanking them for their dedication to making our lives better.

Thank you.

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NATIONAL GARDEN

Ella
St. Vincent
Muller

Beauty in all things - no, we cannot hope for
that; but some place set apart for it (1940)

Everything in nature invites us constantly to be
what we are (Gretel Ehrlich 1985)

What nature delivers to us is never static. Because
what nature creates has eternity in it.
(Isaac Bashevis Singer 1978)

Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to
play in + pray in, where Nature may heal +
cheer + give strength to body + soul alike.
(John Muir 1912)

White House Garden Tours - Pat Nixon
American Elm - Ford - Bush
Japanese Maple - Carter
White Saucer Magnolias - Reagan.

WH Children's Garden Lady Bird

POTUS - at Botanic Garden

Whitledge! Something abt First Ladies - heritage - whose

① Steps she has followed

Ppl have gone before her

< Big shoes we all fill >

② Story abt each 1st Lady

③ Great story look + beautiful

Thank those whose walk

Historic gardens / First Ladies

Water Garden being named for First Ladies

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Sent to Pam a long AP wire story abt gardens

POTUS

- pay tribute to our 1st ladies every day
w/ my headlines

Script

Chen + I have planted → opener -

Gardens - CBS - beautification →

Chen - talk abt redesign -

Dr. Williams -

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NOTES / GARDEN ONLY

LADY BIRD
1965

- Beautif. of capital

The Yellow Rose

2 m. bulbs

83,000 flowering plants

50,000 shrubs

25,000 trees

2 m. daffodils - largest plg of daffod. cov.

Wondered if landscape shld be incl. in the job corp.

Maybe cld inspire people, & not eradicate social ills
Protecting a heritage.

"The envir. is where we all meet;

where we all have a mutual interest;

it is one thing that all of us share"

Toured nat'l parks, forests

Bill to clean up graveyards & remove billboards.

Jackie

culture, the arts, historic preservation.
integration

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HEADLINE: Gardener Traces Presidential History Through White House Gardens

BYLINE: By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

The 8,000 Oxford red tulips surrounding the fountain on the South Lawn of the White House are blinding bright in the April sun.

The lavender magnolia blossoms drift softly over the grass near the Rose Garden.

And head gardener Irvin Williams, commander in chief of this green domain, is content.

Gardener Williams, 68, holds 44 years of memories of presidents and cherry blossoms. Through the glorious gardens of the White House grounds, Williams can trace the history of the presidency.

On a walk through the gardens, he speaks of the struggle to keep the squirrels from devouring the 100,000 tulip bulbs planted each year. He mourns the historic trees lost to winter storms. He is cheered by the mallard ducklings that appear each spring with the tulips and the hyacinths.

William leads a walk to the 1826 John Quincy Adams elm, dead for three years but living on as a graft on an elm sapling. He and his gardeners fight to prolong the life of Andrew Jackson's ancient southern Magnolia, transplanted from the president's Tennessee estate in the mid 1830s in memory of his wife, Rachel.

John Adams, the first president to live here, inherited acres of grounds littered with construction debris. His successor, Thomas Jefferson, a passionate gardener, planned the first landscaping.

Each president added something - a new tree, a fountain, a bench in a shady spot, and, in modern times, a putting green, a horseshoe pit, a swimming pool, a tennis court.

A survey commissioned by Franklin Roosevelt in 1935 gave the grounds their contemporary look. Roosevelt's gardeners opened up the view to the south to frame the still unbuilt Jefferson Memorial on the Tidal Basin.

There are now more than 400 trees and 4,700 shrubs on the White House grounds, which cover 18 acres inside the iron fences and 2.5 acres between the East Wing and the Treasury. Thirty-two of those trees were planted by presidents or their wives. And each year the gardeners plant those 100,000 donated spring bulbs, which are in full bloom this month.

"When the tulips at the South Fountain grow they're replaced with 1,500 geranium and salvia; that's our summer show," Williams said. "We'll come back in September with chrysanthemums."

To do the planting, weeding, trimming, and pruning, as well as maintain the drives and the outside Secret Service guard posts, the gardener has a staff of 18, including electricians and plumbers. Eight other gardeners tend a greenhouse elsewhere in the city.

"Gardening is my life," Williams said on a recent afternoon as he conducted a tour round the garden mounds erected by Jefferson's staff 190 years ago.

"It's an awful lot of work," he said. "What makes it so great is when people tell you how beautiful it is."

And he adds another thought.

"We're here to provide what the first family needs. "But what's great about the job is that our trees, our plants, our shrubs, know nothing about politics."

Williams started working on White House garden projects in the Truman administration and was asked to manage the grounds full time by the Kennedys, who "took great interest in wanting to improve the grounds."

In the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden on the East Side of the White House, Williams points out the topiary hollies that frame springtime hyacinths, pansies and tulips.

He pushes aside an arrangement of potted plants to display the silver dedication plaque, its text in Mrs. Kennedy's handwriting.

The white-painted iron chairs under the trees date to the administration of Millard Fillmore in the early 1850s and the concrete benches are believed to have their origins in Abraham Lincoln's White House years. "Not really very comfortable," the gardener says.

Williams considers the statue of a young girl that stands on the other side of a small

rectangle of water, pointing out her gardener's smock, trowel, watering can and the plant she hoists over her head.

"I see Caroline Kennedy in that statue," Williams said. "She rode Macaroni, her pony, on the grounds near here every day."

Williams moves south across the grass, a combination Kentucky bluegrass and fescue, a mixture tailored to help the lawns survive the oven-heat of Washington summers.

The gleaming black limousines of the presidential motorcade purr past the Jefferson mounds and Clinton emerges at the path leading to the Oval Office. Socks, the cat, leaps to greet him, trailing a long leash.

In their first White House year, the Clintons have already planted three trees: a willow oak, a little leaf linden and an American elm.

"Socks got all tangled up in the willow oak," Williams said.

He points to the spreading limbs of an Atlas cedar. "That's where Amy Carter's tree house was," Williams said. "She would sleep out here at night."

The trees are all neatly labeled and marked. Jimmy Carter insisted on the labels, Williams recalls.

"I didn't tell him, but I had wanted to do it for years," he said. "But if it hadn't been for President Carter they still wouldn't be labeled. As it turned out, one of Amy's school projects was tree identification."

Williams moves onto the flagstone path shaded by low-hanging holly that leads to the White House children's garden, given to the grounds by Lyndon and Lady Bird Johnson at Christmas 1968.

"Before it was used for that purpose, this is where Mrs. Kennedy had her trampoline," Williams said. "She'd come down even in cold weather and use it."

After the trampoline was gone, President Johnson installed a doghouse for his two beagles, named Him and Her.

The entrance to the children's garden is marked by 17 bronze hand prints of presidential grandchildren. At the garden's dedication, LBJ's grandson Patrick Nugent "took off and ran in here and fell straight into that pool," Williams said. "He was all smiles, wet or not."

Walking back to the White House, Williams points out the horse shoe pit favored by George Bush, the putting green where Clinton practices his golf swings, the swimming pool built for Gerald Ford and the swing on the tall tree planted by Dwight Eisenhower.

And Williams has his little joke.

Near the windows of the Oval Office, protruding from the West Wing like the prow of a ship, is a bronze statue of an antlered deer.

Williams said he placed it within view of the president's desk because it reminds him of the sign Harry Truman kept on his desk: "The buck stops here."

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OUTLINE

THE NATIONAL GARDEN GALA --
A TRIBUTE TO AMERICA'S FIRST LADIES

7:30 OFFSTAGE ANNOUNCER [:30]

[Asks guests to be seated.]

7:31 OFFSTAGE ANNOUNCER [:30]

[Introduces Mistress and Master of Ceremonies, Phyllis George and Merv Griffin. Phyllis George and Merv Griffin enter from backstage (stage right holding room) and move to stage right podium].

7:32 PHYLLIS GEORGE [1:00]

[Welcoming remarks.]

7:33 MERV GRIFFIN [1:00]

[Welcoming remarks. Asks guests to rise for presentation of colors and introduces Congressman Bob Michel to sing the National Anthem.]

7:34 PRESENTATION OF COLORS/NATIONAL ANTHEM [3:00]

[An eight piece color guard will enter from the rear and take a position on stage. Congressman Michel will move to the podium stage left. The orchestra will accompany him as he sings the national anthem. After the anthem, Congressman Michel will move to his seat and the colors will be retired.]

7:37 MERV GRIFFIN [:30]

[Introduces Chaplain of the House of Representatives to deliver the invocation.]

7:38 DR. JAMES FORD [1:00]

[Delivers the invocation.]

7:39 PHYLLIS GEORGE [1:30]

[Introduces tribute video to First Ladies.]

7:41 VIDEO [8:00]

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7:49 OFFSTAGE ANNOUNCER [3:00]

[Announces Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Johnson will be escorted on stage. She will take her place at stage left and each subsequent First Lady will be announced and will take her place to Mrs. Johnson's left, forming a semi-circle on stage.]

[Pause for a photo. Then, the First Ladies will be escorted to their seats and Mrs. Clinton will move to the podium.]

7:52 HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON [3:00]

[Remarks.]

7:55 MERV GRIFFIN [2:00]

[He will speak briefly about the First Ladies.]

7:57 PHYLLIS GEORGE [2:00]

[Brief remarks about the First Ladies.]

7:59 MERV GRIFFIN [:30]

[Offers toast to the First Ladies. Asks guests to enjoy their dinner.]

8:00 DINNER IS SERVED [1:10:00]

9:10 PHYLLIS GEORGE [1:00]

[Introduces film on the National Garden.]

9:11 NATIONAL GARDEN FILM [5:00]

9:16 MERV GRIFFIN [1:00]

[Introduces Gala Chairs Lod Cook and Lew Wasserman, and Dinner Chair Mrs. William Brock. Lod Cook and Sandy Brock will move to the podium].

9:17 LOD COOK [2:00]

[Brief remarks about the National Garden.]

9:19 SANDY BROCK [2:00]

[Brief remarks about dedicating the Water Garden to First Ladies. Thanks Dinner Committee.]

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9:21 MERV GRIFFIN [1:00]

[Introduces Johnny Mathis.]

9:22 JOHNNY MATHIS [30:00]

[Performance.]

9:52 OFFSTAGE ANNOUNCER [:30]

[Invites guests to enjoy dancing to the orchestra.]

11:00EVENING CONCLUDES

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PRELIMINARY SCRIPT

THE NATIONAL GARDEN GALA --
A TRIBUTE TO AMERICA'S FIRST LADIES

7:30 OFFSTAGE ANNOUNCER [:30]

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEATS. THE PROGRAM IS ABOUT TO BEGIN."

7:31 OFFSTAGE ANNOUNCER [:30] 60

"AND NOW, PLEASE WELCOME, OUR MISTRESS AND MASTER OF CEREMONIES, PHYLLIS GEORGE AND MERV GRIFFIN."

[Phyllis George and Merv Griffin enter from backstage (stage right holding room) and move to stage right podium].

7:32 PHYLLIS GEORGE [1:00]

"WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL GARDEN GALA -- A TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST LADIES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. WE ARE PLEASED TO JOIN YOU TONIGHT AS WE CELEBRATE THE CREATION OF A NEW LANDMARK IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND HONOR THE WOMEN WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO THE NATIONAL GARDEN, OUR BEAUTIFUL CITY AND OUR NATION. GARDENS ARE TRULY A REFLECTION OF THE CREATIVE SPIRIT AND THE POWERFUL BEAUTY OF NATURE. AS ONE LOOKS AT THESE BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS WE ARE REMINDED THAT GARDENS CREATE A WARM SENSE OF SERENITY AND CALM THAT MAKES IT EASY FOR US TO LEAVE BEHIND THE EVERYDAY WORRIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, EVEN IN A CITY LIKE WASHINGTON, D.C."

STROLLING THE PATHWAYS OF THE INCREDIBLE U.S. BOTANIC GARDEN, STANDING HERE IN A TENT FILLED WITH THOUSANDS OF ROSES FROM GARDENS ACROSS THE NATION, IN THE SHADOW OF THE CAPITOL, I CANNOT IMAGINE A MORE BEAUTIFUL, SPECTACULAR AND APPROPRIATE SETTING FOR THIS OCCASION."

7:33 MERV GRIFFIN [1:00]

"AND WE ARE PLEASED TO BE JOINED BY SO MANY SPECIAL FRIENDS ON THIS HISTORIC EVENING. WE SIT ON THE VERY LAWNS THAT GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THOMAS JEFFERSON WALKED AS THEY PLANNED THEIR VISION OF A CAPITAL CITY -- A VISION WHICH INCLUDED A NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDEN. IN FACT, WE ARE MAKING HISTORY OURSELVES TONIGHT AS WE PAY TRIBUTE TO AND WELCOME A RECORD GATHERING OF FIRST LADIES. IN HONOR OF THIS IMPORTANT OCCASION AND OUR ESTEEMED GUESTS, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE RISE FOR THE PRESENTATION OF COLORS AND SINGING OF OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM, LED BY CONGRESSMAN ROBERT MICHEL."

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7:34 PRESENTATION OF COLORS/NATIONAL ANTHEM [3:00]

[An eight piece color guard will enter from the rear and take a position on stage. Congressman Michel will move to the podium stage left. The orchestra will accompany him as he sings the national anthem. After the anthem, Congressman Michel will move to his seat and the colors will be retired.]

7:37 MERV GRIFFIN [:30]

"PLEASE BE SEATED. DR. JAMES FORD, CHAPLAIN OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WILL DELIVER THE INVOCATION."

7:38 DR. JAMES FORD [1:00]

[Delivers the invocation.]

7:39 PHYLLIS GEORGE [1:30]

"TONIGHT WE PAY SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO EIGHT EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN, AND THOSE WHOSE FOOTSTEPS THEY HAVE FOLLOWED. WOMEN LIKE: MARTHA WASHINGTON, DOLLY MADISON, EDITH WILSON, ELEANOR ROOSEVELT. EACH OF AMERICA'S FIRST LADIES HAS INVESTED THE ROLE WITH HER OWN UNIQUE VISION AND PERSONALITY. AND EACH FIRST LADY, FROM JACQUELINE KENNEDY ONASSIS TO HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON HAS BEEN A SUPPORTER OF THE DREAM OF A NATIONAL GARDEN AT THE U.S. BOTANIC GARDEN. THEIR VISION, DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO PRESERVING OUR ENVIRONMENT HAVE HELPED BUILD AND FOSTER THAT DREAM, WHICH WE CELEBRATE TONIGHT. AMERICA'S TRADITION AND CULTURE FROM THE BOTANICAL TO THE ARTISTIC TO THE HUMANITARIAN, OWES SO MUCH TO THE WOMEN WE HONOR TONIGHT. IT WOULD TAKE FAR TOO LONG TO DESCRIBE THEIR MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SERVICE TO THIS NATION. INSTEAD, THIS VIDEO TRIBUTE CAPTURES SPECIAL MOMENTS IN THE HISTORY OF EIGHT UNFORGETTABLE FIRST LADIES."

7:41 VIDEO [8:00]**7:49 OFFSTAGE ANNOUNCER [3:00]**

"PLEASE WELCOME, FORMER FIRST LADY, LADY BIRD JOHNSON."

[Mrs. Johnson will be escorted on stage. She will take her place at stage left and each subsequent First Lady will be announced and will take her place to Mrs. Johnson's left, forming a semi-circle on stage.]

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"BETTY FORD.

ROSALYNN CARTER.

NANCY REAGAN.

BARBARA BUSH.

AND, THE FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON."

[Pause for a photo. Then, the First Ladies will be escorted to their seats and Mrs. Clinton will move to the podium.]

7:52 HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON [3:00]

[Remarks.]

7:55 MERV GRIFFIN [2:00]

[He will speak briefly about the First Ladies, providing personal anecdotes where appropriate. Mr. Griffin's office is providing these remarks for our review.]

7:57 PHYLLIS GEORGE [2:00]

"PAT NIXON ONCE SAID, 'BEING FIRST LADY IS THE HARDEST UNPAID JOB IN THE WORLD.' I KNOW THAT'S TRUE FROM EXPERIENCE. AND I ONLY HAD THE STATE OF KENTUCKY TO CONTEND WITH. I AM HONORED TO HAVE KNOWN EACH OF THESE FIRST LADIES. I'VE ADMIRERED AND RESPECTED THEM ALL SO MUCH. I REMEMBER WITH GREAT FONDNESS VISITING WITH PRESIDENT AND MRS. JOHNSON IN KENTUCKY. AS WE STOOD BESIDE A FIELD LOOKING OUT OVER THE BEAUTIFUL BLUE GRASS, SHE WAS ABLE TO NAME EVERY ONE OF THE WILDFLOWERS. AS I CRISSCROSS THE NATION IN MY TRAVELS AND SEE THE BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPING ALONG OUR HIGHWAYS, I HAVE TO SAY A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MRS JOHNSON FOR MAKING AMERICA SO BEAUTIFUL.

I KNOW TOO THAT HILLARY CLINTON LIKES TO SPEND HER SPARE TIME WALKING THE WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS. SHE HAS A SPECIAL FONDNESS FOR ROSES AND CHERISHES THE FIRST LADIES GARDEN CREATED BY EDITH WILSON AND RESTORED BY JACQUELINE KENNEDY ONASSIS.

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7:59 MERV GRIFFIN [:30]

"I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU ALL TO JOIN ME AS WE TOAST THE FIRST LADIES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. WE INVITE YOU TO ENJOY YOUR MEAL AMIDST THE BEAUTIFUL AND FRAGRANT ROSES, ENHANCED BY THE MUSIC OF THE GENE DONATI ORCHESTRA."

8:00 DINNER IS SERVED [1:10:00]

9:10 PHYLLIS GEORGE [1:00]

"IN THIS INCREDIBLE SETTING, IT'S NOT HARD TO IMAGINE WHAT A BEAUTIFUL AND TREASURED PLACE THE FUTURE NATIONAL GARDEN WILL BE. BUT WE THOUGHT WE MIGHT HELP YOU ENVISION IT THROUGH THE MAGIC OF FILM. THE MICHIGAN FILM INDUSTRY HAS GRACIOUSLY DONATED ITS TIME AND RESOURCES TO CREATING THIS VISION OF THE NATIONAL GARDEN AT THE U.S. BOTANIC GARDEN."

9:11 NATIONAL GARDEN FILM [5:00]

9:16 MERV GRIFFIN [1:00]

"IT IS MY PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE AND INTRODUCE THREE PEOPLE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING THIS BEAUTIFUL AND MEMORABLE EVENING. YOUR CO-CHAIRS -- LOD COOK AND LEW WASSERMAN -- AND DINNER CHAIR, MRS. WILLIAM BROCK."

[Lod Cook and Sandy Brock will move to the podium].

9:17 LOD COOK [2:00]

"THANK YOU MERV. LEW WASSERMAN AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY WHAT A PRIVILEGE IT'S BEEN TO BE A PART OF A PROJECT AS UNIQUE AND IMPORTANT AS THIS. IN FACT, I'M A BIT AWED BY THE TASK WE HAVE TAKEN ON. IN 1796, OUR FIRST PRESIDENT, GEORGE WASHINGTON, ENVISIONED A PLACE IN THE NATION'S CAPITOL WHERE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO GROW AND PRESERVE PLANTS AND SPECIES IMPORTANT TO THIS NATION'S ECONOMY. THOMAS JEFFERSON AND JAMES MADISON SHARED THAT VISION. TODAY, WE BRING THAT VISION ONE STEP CLOSER TO REALITY AS WE DEVELOP THE PLANS FOR A NATIONAL GARDEN AT THE U.S. BOTANIC GARDEN. A PLACE OF LEARNING, A PLACE OF PRESERVATION AND A PLACE OF BEAUTY - - THE NATIONAL GARDEN WILL TRULY BE A UNIQUE ADDITION TO THE CITY'S MONUMENTS, MUSEUMS AND MEMORIALS.

I'M TOLD THAT IT TOOK 36 YEARS TO BUILD THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT. WITH YOUR SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO THIS PROJECT, WE ARE ASSURED OF GETTING THIS JOB DONE IN A FRACTION OF THAT TIME. THE NATIONAL GARDEN WILL BE A LASTING LEGACY OF YOUR SUPPORT AND I THANK YOU ALL FOR SHARING IN ITS CREATION."

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9:19 SANDY BROCK [2:00]

"THANK YOU LOD. ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL FUND FOR THE U.S. BOTANIC GARDEN, WE ARE ALL SO PLEASED TO HONOR AMERICA'S FIRST LADIES TONIGHT AND TO DEDICATE THE WATER GARDEN TO THEIR NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AND SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE SPECIAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO CREATE THIS EVENING.

CHARLIE COOKE, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL FUND, WHO HAS DEVOTED SO MUCH TIME AND ENERGY TO THIS PROJECT THAT HE HAS MADE THIS A SECOND FULLTIME JOB.

VICE CHAIRS, B.A. BENTSEN, WHO RECRUITED ME TO SERVE AS DINNER CHAIR BY TELLING ME THAT I'D HAVE THE BEST COMMITTEE EVER FORMED. SHE CERTAINLY SPOKE THE TRUTH. HER LEADERSHIP AND ENTHUSIASM FOR THIS PROJECT HAS ENFUSED THE ENTIRE COMMITTEE. MARY JOHNSTON, WHO, WITH THE SUPPORT OF HER HUSBAND BENNETT, HELPED THIS NATION EMBRACE THE ROSE AS OUR NATIONAL FLOWER. THESE EFFORTS HELPED FORM THE FIRST CONCEPTS OF A NATIONAL GARDEN THAT WOULD BE A SHOWCASE FOR HISTORIC AND NEW VARIETIES OF THE ROSE. AND TERESA HEINZ, WHOSE CONTRIBUTION AND SUPPORT WILL LEAVE A LEGACY OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR MANY GENERATIONS OF VISITORS TO THE NATIONAL GARDEN.

AND THANK YOU TO THE MANY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, THE NATIONAL FUND BOARD AND STAFF WHO SHARE THE PRIVILEGE OF HELPING TO CREATE A NEW WASHINGTON LANDMARK, AS WELL AS THE MANY ARTISTS WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEIR TIME AND CREATIVE TALENTS TO THIS EVENING."

9:21 MERV GRIFFIN [1:00]

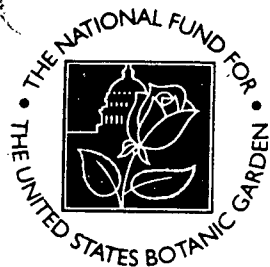
"I'M ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO BE INTRODUCING OUR NEXT GUEST. IN FACT, I FIRST HAD THE PLEASURE OF INTRODUCING HIM ON MY TELEVISION SHOW IN [NEED YEAR], HIS VERY FIRST APPEARANCE ON TELEVISION. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE WELCOME, MR. JOHNNY MATHIS."

9:22 JOHNNY MATHIS [30:00]

9:52 OFFSTAGE ANNOUNCER [:30]

"FIRST LADIES, HONORED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE ENJOY DANCING TO THE SOUNDS OF THE GENE DONATI ORCHESTRA."

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THE NATIONAL FUND FOR THE U.S. BOTANIC GARDEN HOSTS
THE NATIONAL GARDEN GALA --
A TRIBUTE TO AMERICA'S FIRST LADIES

Evening to Benefit the National Garden

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The National Fund for the U.S. Botanic Garden will host the NATIONAL GARDEN GALA -- A TRIBUTE TO AMERICA'S FIRST LADIES on May 11, 1994 to benefit the National Garden.

The National Garden was developed as a commemoration of the Bicentennial of the U.S. Congress and will be dedicated in 1995 in conjunction with the U.S. Botanic Garden's 175th Anniversary. America's premier showcase for unusual, useful and ornamental plants, the National Garden will be built on a three-acre site immediately adjacent to the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory and the U.S. Capitol. The outdoor garden will feature an Environmental Learning Center, a Water Garden dedicated to America's First Ladies, and a Rose Garden, exhibiting varieties of our national flower, the rose.

The Gala, to be held at the site of the National Garden next to the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory, will pay special tribute to America's First Ladies and the contributions they have made to our nation. Special guests include: Barbara Bush, Nancy Reagan, Rosalynn Carter, Betty Ford, Lady Bird Johnson, Julie Nixon Eisenhower and Tricia Nixon Cox.

Hillary Rodham Clinton is Honorary Chair of the Gala. Co-chairs include Lod Cook, Chairman and CEO of ARCO and Lew Wasserman, Chairman of MCA, Inc. Mrs. William Brock is the Chairman of the Gala Dinner Committee. The evening's program will feature Phyllis George, former Miss America and CBS sportscaster, as emcee, singer Johnny Mathis and a live orchestra.

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News Release

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Mrs. H. John (Teresa) Heinz, III, Vice Chairman of the National Fund, commented on behalf of the Board of Trustees: "We are delighted to support the creation of the National Garden at the U.S. Botanic Garden, a site that will highlight the great diversity of American plants and educate people of all ages about the importance of their preservation for our natural environment."

A living museum for people of all ages from around the world, the U.S. Botanic Garden has been an important landmark and resource in Washington, D.C. since 1820. As the oldest continually operating botanic garden in the country, the U.S. Botanic Garden and planned National Garden are a source of pleasure, beauty and learning for its millions of visitors.

For more information on the Gala or to make a contribution to the National Fund for the U.S. Botanic Garden, a 501(c)(3) organization, please call 202/226-4083.

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EVENT SCENARIO

THE NATIONAL GARDEN GALA -- A TRIBUTE TO AMERICA'S FIRST LADIES

- Event:** Media Photo Opportunity with the First Ladies
- Date:** Wednesday, May 11, 1994
- Time:** 11:00 am to 12:00 noon
- Site:** East Gallery of the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory, First and Maryland Avenue, SW or east lawn of the Conservatory, weather permitting
- Capacity:** Space will accommodate 75 photographers and camera crew
- Media:** Open. Photo opportunity targeted for electronic media and photographers. Specific interview requests received in advance will be forwarded to First Ladies' press secretaries and arranged individually.
- Purpose:** To provide opportunity for photo opportunity with First Ladies and the National Garden project.
- Proposed Speakers:** Paula Blanchard, Vice President of Communications, National Fund for the U.S. Botanic Garden
- Scenario:**
1. Media arrives before 11:00 am. A check-in desk will be set up at the entrance to the Conservatory. Media kits will be available at the check-in desk. While the gallery cannot be closed to the public, rope and stanchions will be arranged to move the public through the gallery without interfering with the briefing. In the gallery, a podium will be provided for Paula and the First Ladies will have seats facing the audience. An area will be set up for the photo, to include a backdrop of greenery and potted rose bushes. Additionally, an artist's rendering of the Water Garden may be used as a visual.
 2. Paula Blanchard will welcome the media. She will introduce the First Ladies.

3. The First Ladies will stand for the photo opportunity.
4. Any prearranged, preapproved interviews with the First Ladies will take place following the photograph. [Note: Broadcast House Live has requested that they be allowed to film their show live on the terrace (to one side in order not to block public access) outside the entrance to the Botanic Garden Conservatory from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on May 11th. They would like to interview First Ladies, the chef, Phyllis George, Johnny Mathis, the designer, etc. about the event].

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EVENT SCENARIO

THE NATIONAL GARDEN GALA -- A TRIBUTE TO AMERICA'S FIRST LADIES

Event: VIP Reception

Date: May 11, 1994

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Site: Statuary Hall, Capitol Hill

Capacity: 300-350 standing

Media: Closed

Purpose: A pre-dinner reception to recognize major donors to the National Garden and other special guests.

Attendees: \$400,000 Gala underwriter donor; \$100,000 Water Garden sponsors; \$15,000 table purchasers; \$10,000 table purchasers; Members of Congress; First Ladies; celebrity entertainers; Board of Trustees of the National Fund; Committee Members of the National Garden Gala; and other special guests.

Set-Up: 3-4 bars set up throughout the room, wine and Perrier passed, five hors d'oeuvres passed, receiving area. If needed, the U.S. Botanic Garden will provide palms and other greenery for the room. Don Vanderbrook will provide red rose floral decor/centerpieces.

Scenario:

1. Valet parking will be provided for guests on the Constitution Avenue side of the Capitol. Guests will begin to arrive at 6:00 p.m. and will be directed to Statuary Hall. First Ladies will be asked to arrive at 6:15 p.m. A check-in desk with guest list will be set up outside the entrance.
2. A receiving area will be set up inside Statuary Hall. The receiving area will include Lod Cook, Lew Wasserman, Sandy Brock, Charlie Cooke, B.A. Bentsen, Teresa Heinz, Mary Johnston, Heather Foley, Bonnie Livingston and any attending First Ladies.

3. At 6:25 p.m., the hosting Member of Congress (perhaps Congressman Tom Foley) will welcome guests and give brief remarks about the benefits of public/private partnerships and what the National Garden will bring to its visitors.
4. Following Congressman Foley or other Member of Congress, a representative from the Gala Committee (perhaps Lod Cook or Lew Wasserman) will give brief remarks about the National Garden and thank underwriters and sponsors, as well as recognize special guests, such as the First Ladies.
5. At 6:35 p.m., pre-determined Committee members will depart Statuary Hall for the Dinner Reception at the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory to serve as hosts.
6. At that time, Sandy Brock will make an announcement about transportation to the U.S. Botanic Garden. She will offer guests the option of walking to the Garden or using the provided mini-vans.
7. At 6:45 p.m., the bars will close.
8. By 7:00 p.m., the last guest should be transported to the U.S. Botanic Garden.

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EVENT SCENARIO

THE NATIONAL GARDEN GALA -- A TRIBUTE TO AMERICA'S FIRST LADIES

Event: Dinner Reception

Date: May 11, 1994

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Site: U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory, including the East and West Galleries

Capacity: 700-800 standing

Media: Limited

Purpose: A pre-dinner reception for attendees of the National Garden Gala.

Attendees: \$1,000 ticket holders; Board of Trustees of the National Fund; Committee Members of the National Garden Gala; and special guests.

Set-Up: 10 bars set up in the Galleries, five hors d'oeuvres passed, no receiving area.

Scenario:

1. Valet parking will be provided for guests at the First Avenue entrance to the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory. Guests will arrive at 6:30 p.m. A check-in station with guest list will be located outside the entrance. If the President attends, magnetometers will be set up outside the entrance to the Conservatory.
2. At 7:10, an announcement will be made that guests can move to the tent through the double doors in the East Gallery.
3. At 7:15, the bars will close.

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EVENT SCENARIO

THE NATIONAL GARDEN GALA -- A TRIBUTE TO AMERICA'S FIRST LADIES

Event: Dinner Program

Date: May 11, 1994

Time: 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Site: Tent on the site of the planned National Garden, immediately adjacent to the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory.

Capacity: 800-1000 seated

Media: Open, but limited to pooled coverage

Purpose: To benefit the National Garden at the U.S. Botanic Garden and to honor America's First Ladies

Attendees: Barbara Bush; Nancy Reagan; Rosalynn Carter; Betty Ford; Ladybird Johnson; Julie Nixon Eisenhower and Tricia Nixon Cox; Donors; Members of Congress; celebrity entertainers; Board of Trustees of the National Fund; Committee Members and guests of the National Garden Gala.

Set-Up: The stage will be set up on the tent wall opposite the entrance. It will feature a rectangular stage. The backdrop will include a trompe l'oeil. The orchestra will be positioned at the rear of the stage and will be enclosed inside a gazebo structure. They will be slightly lower than the level of the stage. One or two clear lucite podiums (depending on number of emcees) will be situated either at center stage or just off-center. A balloon tent will be used to create a back stage holding area for the First Ladies. Two video screens will be placed to the right and left of the stage, separated by trellises. They will be framed by white pipe and drape. When the videos are not running, the screens will contain a slow-dissolving series of slides of garden scenes. Image magnification will beam the program portions of the evening onto the large screens (i.e. only when people are speaking and Johnny Mathis is performing).

Rose arbors, trellises, potted roses will decorate the tent. Tables of ten will be arranged throughout. **[Please note that all of these details will be worked out in conjunction with Don Vanderbrook.]**

Scenario:

1. The orchestra will be playing as guests enter the tent. Guests will have been given table cards at the check-in. Assistants will be positioned throughout the room to assist guests in finding their seats. The First Ladies, who will remain backstage in the greenroom until introduced, will be seated at the tables closest to the stage.
2. At 7:35, an offstage announcer (we will explore the possibility of using a military "voice" for this) will introduce the emcee(s) for the evening. **[Note: Phyllis George has accepted as emcee.]**
3. Phyllis George will give brief remarks that welcome the crowd and establish how delighted she is to be a part of this historic evening and celebration. She will then ask the guests to rise for the presentation of colors and the singing of the National Anthem.
4. A military color guard will enter from the rear of the tent and post the flags in front of the orchestra.
5. Congressman Bob Michel will sing the National Anthem.
6. After the National Anthem, the color guard will retire the colors.
7. Phyllis George will speak briefly about the role and contributions of First Ladies and provide any personal anecdotes of her involvement with former First Ladies being honored. She will then introduce the video honoring First Ladies.
8. The video will run for 8-10 minutes, and will appropriately honor former First Ladies (including Mrs. Onassis and Mrs. Nixon), as well as provide historical background on their contributions to the nation's gardens.

9. At the conclusion of the video, the off-stage announcer will "introduce" each former First Lady (order of introduction has yet to be determined). As she is announced, each First Lady will be escorted from backstage by a military escort. She will take her position at the center of the stage. As subsequent First Ladies are announced, they will join the first on stage, forming a semi-circle facing the audience. This will also provide a photo opportunity of all of the First Ladies together.
10. Phyllis George will introduce Senator John Danforth to give the invocation.
11. Phyllis George will invite the guests to enjoy their dinner.
12. Dinner will be served at 7:50. The orchestra will play throughout the dinner service.
13. At 9:00, Phyllis George will introduce Lod Cook, Sandy Brock and Lew Wasserman.
14. Lod Cook will welcome the audience and introduce the members of the Committee and National Fund, who will be asked to stand.
15. Lew Wasserman will recognize any distinguished guests, including former Presidents, Julie Nixon Eisenhower and Tricia Nixon Cox and any other family members of former First Ladies.
16. Sandy Brock will give brief remarks about the development of the National Garden. If appropriate, she will introduce the film on the National Garden.
17. At 9:20, the emcee(s) will introduce Johnny Mathis.
18. Johnny Mathis will perform a medley of songs in conjunction with the orchestra. At least one song will be dedicated to the First Ladies. He will perform for approximately 30 minutes.
19. At 9:50, Johnny Mathis will conclude his performance and will invite the audience to dance as the orchestra plays.

20. If possible, it would be nice to have the First Ladies engage in the first dance. Pre-arranged dance partners (i.e. Members of Congress) could be designated for any First Ladies who are unaccompanied.
21. The orchestra will conclude at 11:00.
22. The offstage announcer will thank guests for coming.

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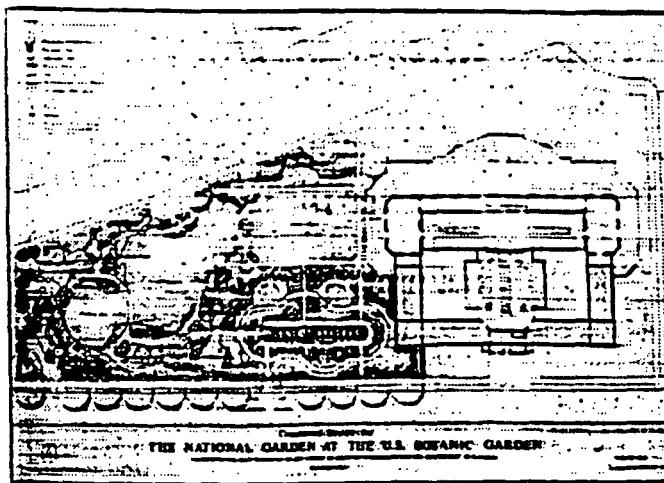
By Lois Romano

WE'VE HEARD THAT...

■ Plans are firming up for the Botanic Garden's "Tribute to America's First Ladies," to benefit an expansion of the garden. Hillary Clinton's the honorary chairwoman for the May 11 event, and expected attendees include Barbara Bush, Nancy Reagan, Rosalynn Carter, Betty Ford, Lady Bird Johnson, Julie Nixon Eisenhower and Tricia Nixon Cox.

The Washington Post

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COURTESY OF THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

Conceptual site plan for the National Garden, targeted for completion in late 1995.

A Garden for the Mall

Design Competition to Determine Plan

By Benjamin Forgey
Washington Post Staff Writer

For those who have wondered what will go on the last available site on the long eastern stretch of the Mall—a sparsely planted three-acre tract between the Botanic Garden and the as-yet-unbuilt National Museum of the American Indian—the answer is: a National Garden.

Designs for all or major parts of the “new American public garden on the Mall” will be selected in a competition beginning this fall, it was announced yesterday by the National Fund for the U.S. Botanic Garden. The fund, a nonprofit organization, is in charge of raising money from the private sector to pay for the \$6 million project, to be constructed under the supervision of the architect of the Capitol.

Featuring displays of native American plants in natural settings, the garden will include three principal elements—a rose garden, a water garden and an environmental learning center. Participants in the juried competition will be free to design one, two or all three of these elements “or to take on the whole thing,” according to Charles E. Cooke, chairman of the fund. Winners will be announced in February, Cooke said. Completion of the garden is anticipated by “the end of 1995.”

A preliminary “conceptual” design, prepared by Roger Courtenay of the landscape architecture firm EDAW and approved last year by the congressional Joint Committee on the Library, shows a sequence of pathways meandering through heavily planted areas such as a “Southwestern bog” and “Midwestern prairie.” The plantings are concentrated on the

edges of the trapezoidal site, with swaths of grass in the center. The site is bordered by Third Street SW, Independence and Maryland avenues and the Botanic Garden building.

The idea for the garden stems from the successful effort in 1986 to persuade Congress to declare the rose the national flower. Shepherded through Congress by Sen. J. Bennett Johnston (D-La.), former representative Lindy Boggs (D-La.) and Rep. Ralph M. Hall (D-Tex.), the legislation produced donations of roses from growers in Louisiana and Texas. These plants were turned over to Architect of the Capitol George White, who selected the site and helped develop the broader plan for a garden “to generate an understanding of ecology, conservation and environmentally responsible principles.”

White said yesterday he hopes the new garden will be part of an overall refurbishment of the Botanic Garden building, a Renaissance-style conservatory completed in 1934. Underway is a congressionally funded \$7 million reconstruction of the Palm House, an aluminum-and-glass structure in the center of the Botanic Garden. A request for an additional appropriation of \$23 million to rehabilitate the entire building is being prepared, said Cooke.

The competition is open to licensed American architects and landscape architects, students and others in collaboration with a licensed professional. Information concerning registration can be obtained from Cyndi Sherwood, National Fund for the U.S. Botanic Garden, 245 First St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20024.

Botanic Garden Gets Its First Makeover Since the Complex Was Originally Built in 1933

By Timothy J. Burger

Even though the US Botanic Garden is usually shrouded in scaffolding for its first renovation since it was built in 1933, it is still open to the public.

Or at least most of it is. For now, only the Palm House is closed, the target of the first of a massive renovation.

The Botanic Garden provides a rare opportunity to see living examples of vegetation from around the world and through the centuries, some dating back to the time of the dinosaurs.

It also offers an array of single-session horticultural classes which are free and open to the public, and often take place before standing room only crowds, according to Holly Shimizu, a horticulturist who is acting assistant executive director of the Botanic Garden.

"We're trying to create within the Botanic Garden distinct environments, so that when you walk into the Cactus House you feel as though you're in the desert," she said, discussing her hopes for the renovations.

Every year, a contractor working under the direction of the Capitol George White began a \$500,000 project of demolishing the 90-foot-high Palm House, which housed about 35 types of palm trees, many as tall as the Palm House roof, and "some of them over 100 years old," according to Shimizu.

Two of the palms date back to 1842, when Admiral Charles Wilkes, the "first

Twenty-five palm trees are being temporarily stored in Pompano Beach, Fla., during the renovation.

great American plant explorer," as Shimizu described him, brought them back from a voyage to the South Pacific.

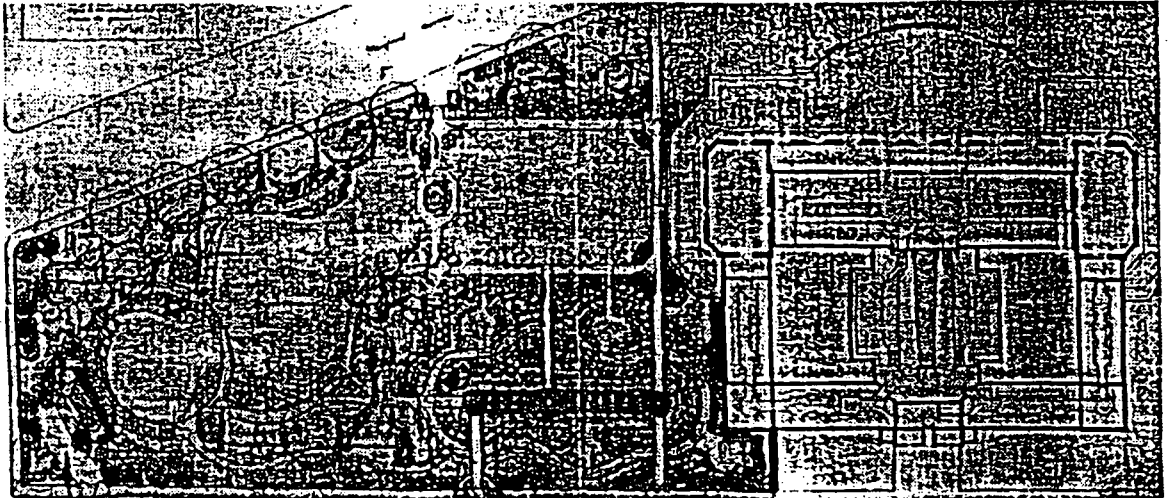
"Some of the palms are irreplaceable because they're so large," Shimizu added, explaining why 25 of them were transported to a Pompano Beach, Fla., nursery for temporary storage.

"You can't buy palms of this size," Shimizu noted.

The trees will remain in Florida until the conservatory renovation is completed.

Of transporting the palm trees are included in the \$500,000 price tag of the Palm House demolition, an aide to the Architect said.)

Overall, the renovation project, which



To the west of the Botanic Garden's main building, on the right in the drawing above, is a three-acre tract of land that will also be refurbished (at left). A private group is soliciting drawings for what it hopes will be an ornate garden in the space.

will be funded with requests by the Architect over a period of years, is expected to cost some \$21 million.

The conservatory is located at Maryland Avenue and 1st Street, SW. The Garden's other public location, the Bartholdi Fountain and Garden, is located at 1st Street and Independence Avenue, SW (across the street from the conservatory).

The renovation would take only three years if the entire Garden were completely closed, allowing construction crews to take over the whole facility.

But if Congress's Joint Committee on the Library, which sets policy for the Garden, decides the project should be executed in stages so that some parts of the Botanic Garden can be kept open while others are re-built, the project could take eight years — and, due to anticipated inflation, it could cost substantially more.

Repairs to the Palm House had been part of long-term plans for an extensive renovation of the Botanic Garden Conservatory, the building which houses the plants. But White obtained permission to reprogram money originally appropriated for other purposes and use it to take down the Palm House this year — after he learned that the Palm House's aluminum frame had deteriorated so much that it had become a public hazard.

"At the time when it was built, they said aluminum was a perfect metal," the Garden's Shimizu explained. Since 1933, however, aluminum's true character has become apparent as "a lot of the facility has deteriorated because of the humidity and the heat in the glass house.... We had to not allow traffic in there because we were afraid of bolts falling."

Before the demolition began, Shimizu added, staff had been told that they should close the conservatory if high winds developed, after the Architect learned that the structure could be knocked over.

The new Palm House will also have new glass — an important element since the old glass had become "etched, so it's really not letting much light through," Shimizu said.

Etching takes place when wind bombards glass with soil and other substances.

In addition to restoration work, the project will include replacement of the conservatory's outdated climate control system.

"In a 1990s conservatory, the controls are computer operated, with manual backup," Shimizu explained. This will allow

The renovation would take only three years if the entire Garden were completely closed. Otherwise, it will take eight years.

Shimizu and her colleagues to place greater confidence in the likelihood that herbage can survive in the Botanic Garden — and perhaps to bring even more delicate and exotic specimens to its exhibits.

Meanwhile, a private organization, The National Fund for the United States Botanic Garden, is working to raise some \$6 million to plant an ornate garden on nearly three acres of land which lies just west of the conservatory.

The fund's executive board includes sev-

eral Congressional spouses: Mary Johnston, wife of Sen. Bennett Johnston (D-La); B.A. Bentsen, wife of Sen. Lloyd Bentsen (D-Texas); and Teresa Heinz, wife of the late Sen. John Heinz (R-Pa).

The organization will formally kick off its fundraising June 15 with a "Limited Design Competition." Landscape architects will be asked to submit drawings embodying details of proposed layouts for the new garden, within guidelines issued by the Fund, according to Karen Carlin, president and CEO of the Fund.

Back in the conservatory, final completion of the renovations is expected to herald the opening of several specific exhibits in the building, including:

- **Tree-top Garden.** This would comprise a slightly elevated walkway which would create the "illusion...that you're walking in the tree-tops," Shimizu explained. Among other things, visitors would learn about "epiphytes," or plants that grow on other plants, like Spanish moss and Staghorn fern, but can't be properly viewed from the ground.

- **Prehistoric Garden.** Here, visitors will be treated to a miniature example of the environment in which dinosaurs lived more than 60 million years ago. "We've got some casts of real dinosaur bones...and also of the dinosaurs and...real fossils of the plants" of the time. "You can look at the plant and right next to it is the fossil," Shimizu explained.

- **Desert Garden.** This would replicate the sandy, arid environment of the desert.

Current exhibits in the conservatory include a host of endangered plants and special collections of begonias and carnivorous plants, among other things.

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REUTERS

At Botanic Garden, Clinton abandons two Bush environmental policies.

U.S. to Sign Earth Pact

Clinton Also Backs Emissions Targets

By Ruth Marcus
Washington Post Staff Writer

President Clinton announced yesterday that the United States will commit to specific targets to cut the emission of gases believed to contribute to the threat of global warming and will sign a biodiversity treaty aimed at protecting threatened plants and wildlife.

Both issues clouded the Bush administration's participation at the United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro last June. The United States was alone among the major economic powers in refusing to sign the biodiversity treaty, which restricts the destruction of plant and animal species in world forests.

Because the treaty also requires the sharing of the benefits of those species—among them pharmaceutical discoveries—the Bush administration argued that it would impair the patent rights of U.S. biotechnology companies.

The Bush administration agreed to the global warming treaty only after securing changes that removed any binding goals or timetables, expressing concern about the economic impact of limiting carbon dioxide emissions from oil and coal burned by U.S. industries. The treaty seeks to limit emissions of gasses from fossil fuels, which hover above the planet's surface and trap solar heat, potentially causing global warming.

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Clinton promised in last year's campaign to reverse President George Bush's position and chose the day before Earth Day to do it.

Environmental groups applauded both initiatives as welcome signals of a changed direction on environmental issues. But they also expressed concern that Clinton did not specifically commit in his speech yesterday to cap emissions at 1990 levels in later years.

Liz Barratt-Brown of the Natural Resources Defense Council said, "The proof is always in the pudding. A speech is just a speech, but today he sent very clear marching orders to the U.S. government on these issues. They're very important issues

in and of themselves but they're also enormously symbolic issues that signal a new era of leadership on global environmental challenges."

Environmental groups want the administration to propose an addition to the climate-change treaty setting up specific targets for emission reduction. The treaty now only commits countries to "aim" to cut emissions. They also want Clinton not only to commit to getting emissions down to 1990 levels by 2000 but—at the very least—to keep emissions at that level in later years.

If that is not done, said Michael Oppenheimer, senior scientist at the Environmental Defense Fund, "the slight reduction in emissions could turn into just a brief hiatus and after 2000 emissions would start growing

again, in which case very little progress would have been made on global warming. Until we see the plan . . . we won't know if there's any meat on the bone, whether it's rhetoric or real commitment."

Clinton said the United States "must take the lead in addressing the challenge of global warming that could make our planet and its climate less hospitable and more hostile to human life. Today, I reaffirm my personal, and announce our nation's, commitment to reducing our emissions of greenhouse gases to their 1990 levels by the year 2000."

Marla Romash, Vice President Gore's press secretary, said that although the specific commitment is to get to the 1990 levels by the year

2000, "it's not as though we're all of a sudden in the year 2000 going to start increasing greenhouse gas emissions. There are strategies that will be in place, that will continue to lead toward decreased emissions."

She said there has been no decision reached on whether to propose additions to the treaty, which already has been ratified by the Senate, to specify emissions targets. "Certainly there was at the Earth Summit last year broad support for targets and timetables, and the United States was isolated in its opposition, so we expect that the president's announcement today will be greeted warmly by other countries around the world who were ready at the Earth Summit to make that kind of commitment."

A business group, the Global Climate Coalition, said it would "vigorously oppose" going beyond the existing treaty to "establish firm and arbitrary targets and timetables."

Speaking at the U.S. Botanic Garden, Clinton said the biodiversity treaty has "flaws" but is "critically important not only to our future, but to the future of the world." He said he would deal with the concern that the treaty could be interpreted as forcing U.S. firms to share their research with the developing countries that provide natural resources for American products through a side agreement, worked out with business and environmental groups, "that protects both American interests and the world environment."

White House communications director George Stephanopoulos said that the United States is circulating that "interpretive statement" to other countries that have already signed the biodiversity treaty. Romash said the U.S. signing of the agreement is not contingent on other nations accepting that interpretation. The treaty is open for signing until June and would have to be ratified by the Senate.

Clinton also announced executive orders aimed at protecting the environment. He ordered the government to increase purchases of recycled goods, buy energy-efficient computers, purchase thousands of alternative fuel vehicles and cut releases of toxic waste in half by 1999.

he National Garden, commemorating the Bicentennial of the U.S. Congress, will be dedicated in 1995 in conjunction with the U.S. Botanic Garden's 175th Anniversary. The outdoor National Garden will be located on a three-acre site adjacent to the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory on the Mall near the U.S. Capitol. It will include a Water Garden dedicated to America's First Ladies, a Rose Garden featuring varieties of the rose, America's national flower, and an Environmental Learning Center.

Plans are underway to establish the National Garden as a center for environmental, botanical and horticultural education. The goal of the National Garden will be to promote the great diversity of American plants and their importance to our environment.

The National Garden Gala, to benefit the National Garden, is also a tribute to America's First Ladies, recognizing these remarkable women and their notable service to our nation, particularly their contributions to our botanic, artistic and cultural heritage and resources.

The National Fund for the U.S. Botanic Garden was established in 1991 by the Architect of the Capitol to raise funds from private sources, as authorized by the U.S. Congress, to ensure the creation of the National Garden. The Board of Trustees of the National Fund represents over 25 states and is composed of Members of Congress, Congressional spouses, former First Ladies, national civic leaders and officers of leading American corporations.

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6:30 pm Cocktails
7:30 pm Dinner

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May 10, 1994

NATIONAL GARDEN GALA DINNER

DATE:	Wednesday, May 11
TIME:	7:30 pm
LOCATION:	U.S. Botanical Garden
FROM:	Liz Bowyer

I PURPOSE

To attend the "National Garden Gala: A Tribute to America's First Ladies," a dinner dance hosted by the U.S. Botanic Garden to benefit the National Garden, and give brief remarks on...

II BACKGROUND

The National Garden Gala

The "National Garden Gala: A Tribute to America's First Ladies" will launch a fundraising drive to help construct the National Garden, a 3-acre addition to the Botanic Gardens showcasing American plant life.

The National Garden Gala will recognize America's First Ladies for their contributions to cultural, botanical, and humanitarian pursuits. Lady Bird Johnson, Betty Ford, Rosalynn Carter, Nancy Reagan and Barbara Bush all plan to attend. As Honorary Chair of the Gala, your only official responsibility is to give remarks on the National Garden project. The audience of approximately 1,000 will be comprised of Members of Congress, Administration officials, members of the diplomatic corps, corporate leaders and major donors to the National Garden Fund.

The National Garden

The National Garden will be constructed immediately adjacent to the Botanic Garden Conservatory and the Capitol, and will feature a **Rose Garden** exhibiting varieties of the rose, America's national flower; a **Water Garden** dedicated to America's First Ladies and centering around the crucial role that water plays in the lives of plants, animals and humans; and an **Environmental Learning Center** offering environmental classes, events, and exhibits to the public. Nearly 200 architects and architecture students submitted designs for the Garden's three major features. The winners were announced in February.

The idea for a National Garden first arose in 1986 when Senator Bennett Johnston, former Representative Lindy Boggs and Representative Ralph Hall persuaded

Congress to declare the rose the national flower. Rose growers from Louisiana and Texas sent roses to be planted around Capitol Hill, and Architect of the Capitol George White helped develop the idea of a national garden to exhibit the roses and other forms of American plant life. White established the "National Fund for the U.S. Botanical Garden" in 1991 to raise private funds for the construction of the National Garden.

The construction of the National Garden commemorates the Bicentennial of the U.S. Congress, and will hopefully be dedicated in 1995 in conjunction with the Botanic Garden's 175th anniversary.

Established in 1820, the U.S. Botanic Garden is the oldest continually operating botanic garden in the country. The Botanic Garden's Conservatory is currently being refurbished...

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