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much apathy among the electorate? Do you believe that the average American truly understands how their government works or has just a vague notion? What might be the overall general reasons for a lack of interest or knowledge of government in American society today? What realistic solutions can be provided by a government--and what solutions cannot?

9. If your husband had not gone into politics, would you have considered a political career--or, had you not "followed your heart" to Arkansas, might you have run for political office?

10. How much did your religious background and sense of social responsibility influence your pursuits of public service? How important is it to your carrying out the role of First Lady as you have defined it?

11. How would you characterize your influence on the President and your professional role within your relationship with him? As one of many advisors, as a primary advisor? Do you offer advice only on those issues with which you have expertise? Traditionally, many First Ladies have weighed in on personnel issues--Nancy Reagan, Rosalynn Carter, Lady Bird Johnson, Barbara Bush, Bess Truman, even Mamie Eisenhower. How much do you weigh in on personnel?

12. Do you feel that there are any inherent talents specific to men and women in politics? For example, Nancy Reagan described herself as having a sense about people's motivations in terms of their relationship with Ronald Reagan that he didn't--equally said about Mrs. Truman, Eisenhower, Carter and Harding. Do you believe there is some truth in the idea of women's intuition? Do you believe there are roles in society which are better suited for women or men?

13. It often seems that the media creates caricatures of First Ladies--Jackie Kennedy, Francophile, Nancy Reagan, socialite, Barbara Bush, grandmother. Do you feel that you have been also presented that way? Do you feel you have been treated fairly in the media?

14. Why do you feel you have sometimes been used as a political scapegoat for the Administration's harshest critics and commentators? How do you cope with the challenges presented by people who say they actually "hate" the President and First Lady? Does it effect your efforts?

15. Could you describe your work with The Children's Defense Fund. Are there programs which they or other private organizations support which can be used as the basis for organizing large-scale national programs on behalf of children? In general, what sorts of national efforts are priorities for the well-being of America's children--and which interest you as the most practical and necessary?
16. Had you not played any public role in health care, and not given your opinions on issues when asked and not made speeches--essentially played a very unpublic role, do you believe that the Whitewater barrage of attacks and questions and indeed the Congressional investigation might not have occurred, or have been far less controversial?
17. What do you think the American people want in a First Lady? Do you believe it would ever be possible for a Presidential spouse to declare themselves a complete non-official, private citizen, off-limits to the media and public, playing no political or social role whatsoever?
18. Sensational speculation about all public figures is rampant within the media. Do you feel the media has overstepped its boundaries in its invasion of personal lives? How do you manage to publicly and privately cope with unfounded, misinterpreted, exaggerated or complete lies about your personal life? Is it better for a President's wife to ignore fabrications or defeat them?
19. As one surveys the possible Republican challengers for the 1996 presidential campaign, the professional experiences of an Elizabeth Dole or a Wendy Graham or a Marilyn Quayle or a Lynne Cheney suggest that they might want to not only follow you in the role, but follow your definition of it. Do you feel that you have set a precedent which could facilitate the ability of all spouses--male or female--of any future presidents to have more choices? Do you think it will ever be possible for someone to maintain a professional career while being married to a President?
20. What is your routine daily schedule like as First Lady when you are in town?
21. So far in your tenure as First Lady, what public crisis, achievement or event has had the greatest personal impact on you?
22. The scrutiny and public attention associated with being in the White House would

seem to be destabilizing. How do you maintain your stability? Has your sense of self changed since you became First Lady? What changes have taken place?

23. There is constant debate about American family values, but the face of the "typical" American family from forty years ago--mom, dad, brother and sister--has greatly changed. Barbara Bush thought that American "extended families may not even be related. They may be neighbors, friends." What in your mind constitutes a family?

24. What sort of legacy would you like to leave as First Lady?

1. Throughout history, the First Lady has often exerted both publicized and unpublicized influence. Other than the obvious example of Eleanor Roosevelt, were you aware of this precedent? What were your expectations about the role of the First Lady prior to your tenure? Have your expectations been met? What has been the most unexpected aspect of the role of First Lady? As a young woman did you ever look to the First Lady as a figure of emulation? Did history or predecessors like Mrs. Carter guide your choices?
2. Do you feel that your public role generated so much debate because you are unelected or because you are a woman?
3. You once described yourself as a "lightening rod." What is it that you believe that First Lady Hillary Clinton symbolizes to people?
4. In terms of the Administration's health care policy, are there things in retrospect that you might have approached differently? Were you aware of the high degree of resistance you would encounter from public interest groups on health care and from political critics of your personal role in it? Do you believe a less public role might have changed the outcome of health care reform; did critics of health care reform just find it more convenient to criticize a First Lady taking a public role?
5. What is the biggest misconception about Hillary Clinton? Do you believe the media, and hence the public, has a full and honest perception of you truly are and what you stand for?
6. Have the characteristics of the American changed since your coming of age in the Sixties or do you believe there is an unchanging, consistent American character? (Are violence and bigotry part of that character, along with generosity and genius for enterprise? Do we take less responsibility for our own individual well-being?) If you had been granted three wishes for improvement in American life today, what would those three specific changes be?
7. Do you believe that Bill Clinton could have become President without Hillary Clinton?
8. In the last election, only 33% of the electorate turned out to vote? From your personal observations and conversations with Americans, why do you feel there is so

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The President's Spouse
Evenings with the First Ladies Question Form

Name HERMAN E. GOODYEAR
City TAKOMA PARK, MD Full-time Student? No
Phone (Day) 202.927.0689 (Evening) P6/b(6)

My Question for the First Lady:

The original concept for the terms of elected Federal officials in our early democracy was to prevent a monarchy from taking control of the new republic. The terms for Senators (6 years), Congressman (2 years) and the President (4 years) were established and have never been changed. It does not appear that a monarchy taking over the American government is as much of a threat to the United States in 1994 as it was to our Founding Father's, and the time required for our elected officials to bring about the policies and legislative changes is a more complex and time consuming process than in was in the 1700's. From your vantage point as the current First Lady, do you believe that the American people should revisit these term limitations? If your answer is in the affirmative, would different term limits for the Executive and Legislative branches eliminate many of the problems we currently face in implementing policy at the Federal level?

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Name JOELLE M. BONE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
City WASHINGTON, D.C. Full-time Student? FULL TIME STUDENT
Phone(Day) [REDACTED] (Evening) [REDACTED]

My Question for the First Lady:

1. HOW HAS YOUR ROLE AS FIRST LADY CHANGED NOW, SINCE
WHEN YOU FIRST STARTED?

2. WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO THE
CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND?

3. IS IT DIFFICULT TO RETAIN YOUR INDIVIDUALITY,
WHILE AT THE SAME TIME SERVING IN THE ROLE OF
"FIRST LADY", BEING A WIFE OF A PRESIDENT, AND
A MOTHER TO YOUR CHILD?

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Name Diana Petrung
City FALLAX, VA Full-time Student? NO
Phone(Day) [REDACTED] (Evening) [REDACTED]

My Question for the First Lady:

we have seen in this course that the public generally
has a very short memory concerning the first lady and
her accomplishments. How would you most like
to be remembered 25 years from now?

My Question for the First Lady:

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Name ANNE WILCOX

City LESMANTOWN, MD

Full-time Student? NO

Phone(Day) (301) 594-5586

(Evening)

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My Question for the First Lady:

- ① AS FIRST LADY, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH IN THE REMAINDER OF THIS TERM? AND IN A SECOND TERM? ② DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS ON HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEND YOUR POST-WHITE HOUSE YEARS? (LAW FIRM, POLICY MAKING, UNIVERSITY, etc.) ③ WHAT IS THE BIGGEST MISCONCEPTION ABOUT YOU?

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Name Tanet Lekan

City Arlington Va

Full-time Student? No

Phone(Day) 703-697-3675

(Evening)

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My Question for the First Lady:

The attempt to assassinate Ronald Reagan has a great impact on Nancy Reagan since a sense of fear was constantly with her when the President was out. Was the recent incidents at the White House (barricaded at the President) affected your views regarding the security of the President?

insider?

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Evenings with the First Ladies Question Form

Name Una Mahan
City Vienna VA Full-time Student? No - Plr grad studies
Phone(Day) [REDACTED] (Evening) [REDACTED]

My Question for the First Lady:

If you could approach the health care
reform program over again, what would
you do differently?

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Name Mary Schmor
City Fairfax Full-time Student? No
Phone(Day) 703-274-5957 (Evening) [REDACTED]

My Question for the First Lady:

If you were able to relive the first
hundred days ~~of your term~~ following
the inauguration, what you do
differently?

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Name MICHAEL JOHN LESKO
City FAIRFAX VA Full-time Student? NO
Phone (Day) 202-452-3415 (Evening) P6/b(6)

My Question for the First Lady:

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS TYPE OF
"CLASS" FORMAT FOR QUESTIONS VS A
MORE FORMALIZED "NEWS" CONFERENCE?

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Name Judi Wood
City Alexandria, VA Full-time Student? Full Time Teacher
Phone (Day) 703 451 2915 (Evening) /

My Question for the First Lady:

We have been studying the role of the First Ladies
this semester, but some of us have never seen the
home of the First Ladies other than the public tour.
Is it possible to set up a tour which would
focus on the personal touches of the
furniture on

First Ladies : Perhaps some of the
architectural or cosmetic changes they have made.

- Will President Clinton ^{revise his} ~~make changes~~ to
health care reform policy?

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Name Cynthia PhillipsCity Lorton, VAFull-time Student? 1/0Phone(Day) [REDACTED]

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(Evening) [REDACTED]

My Question for the First Lady:

- What is President Clinton's agenda for fiscal Year
95 and 96? (what issues)

- What will he do differently to gain again his
momentum?

* I wish she and her husband much success in the
next 2 years. more...

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To: Mrs. Clinton, Neel Lattimore, Maggie Williams, fax 456-7805
Fr: Carl Anthony
Re: Questions for next week, other information on GW "President's Spouse" session
Total Number of Pages Including This: 5

Enclosed are 24 questions which serve as a basis for next week's session. They are not engraved in stone and I will neither ask every single one of them, nor ask them as specifically as I have written them. These are only to provide you all with a sense of the program's format and content. Also, I will not ask any other questions or refer to any other specific subjects or general topics that are not enclosed, unless previously receiving your approval. Feel free to submit questions you might want.

I also enclose copies of written questions submitted by students last week. This is customary for the other three First Ladies' appearances. On the day of the event, the other three First Ladies' offices informed me whether they would take open questions from the students or prefer to have pre-selected questions read. Mrs. Reagan chose the latter method.

I have prepared some notes on my introduction, but the final version is now depending on whether we are able to get several slides of Mrs. Clinton to illustrate my short introduction of her, and a short video clip of either her afternoon remarks on entertaining before the Mandela state dinner or her remarks at last May's Botanical Gardens Tribute to the First Ladies (I have a clip of her health care Congressional testimony and would like to pair it with either one of these two listed above). If the White House can easily obtain a 30-second clip of either of these two events, it would be of tremendous help.

I am available to meet or discuss anything regarding the event, at home or the office, from now until the event, even in the evening. I will be out of town only on Thanksgiving. Finally, the primary contact for any logistical or other questions about the event is Anne Grist at GW, 973-1102. Mike Freedman at GW is handling the press. Below is the schedule, according to what we have done with Mrs. Reagan, Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Carter:

6:30-7:00 arrival at small reception (about 125)
7:00-7:04 welcoming remarks by Fran. Tractenberg, wife of president of GWU
7:04-7:15 introduction and historical context of Mrs. Clinton by Carl Anthony
7:15-8:30 "conversation" interview between Mrs. Clinton and Carl Anthony
8:30-8:45 questions from students to Mrs. Clinton

Hope this information helps for now--and looking forward to the 29th.

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re: Carl Anthony symposium on First Ladies

The format is as follows: 1. Anthony delivers a very long introduction of the First Lady; 2. The First Lady comes out and sits down on a comfy chair across from Anthony -- reminds you of those morning shows; 3. Anthony asks questions which are mildly confrontational but never follows up if the answer is evasive or not what he expected; 4. After Anthony asks about every question imaginable and in no particular order, the audience is allowed to ask questions.

P6/b(6) but Anthony lets the First Lady speak uninterrupted so she has a lot of freedom to discuss whatever she wants to.

Highlights:

Barbara Bush - a spouse of a president needs to be supportive and know that they are not elected (little applause) I guess some of you don't agree with me [paraphrase]

Roslyn Carter - Anthony asked Mrs. Carter a lot about HRC and HRC's role as First Lady. Mrs. Carter was more than supportive saying how she admired HRC. Mrs. Carter also said that there will never be a First Lady who will merely be supportive, she said that they will inevitably have "their own thing" and once they know how much influence and power they have in the position, they will do something....she gave the example of how after she went to Cambodia and saw all of the suffering, she came back and released pictures of the devastation to the press and because she was the First Lady, they paid attention to her and she was able to raise millions of dollars toward the relief effort. Also, she called the Secretary General of the UN urging him to do something and two days later, he named someone to head the relief efforts.

Some information on previous First Ladies-

Abigail Adams

- insisted that the separate roles of women and men were coordinate and of equal importance
- wanted a legal system that would make it easier for a wife to institute action against an abusive husband, guarantee her share of the fruits of their mutual labors, and recognize her voice in the education of her daughters
- questioned her husband as to how Virginia could fight for freedom while denying liberty to nearly half their population -- "I have sometimes been ready to think that the

passion for liberty cannot be equally strong in the breasts of those who have been accustomed to deprive their fellow creatures theirs"

Lucy Webb Hayes

- first wife of a U.S. president to have earned a college degree
- established a reputation as a friend of the poor and needy -- when notes came to the Mansion from the destitute wanting help, Lucy would send the White House doorkeeper with some money and a note to give to them. The steward often took wagon loads of provisions to the poor in Washington, at her request.

Ellen Axson Wilson

(first wife of Woodrow Wilson, died 1914 during his first term)

- accomplished artist -- her paintings have been exhibited at the Chicago Art Institute, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, the National Academy of Design, and the National Association of Women Artists in New York. Just before Woodrow Wilson's took office, she had a one-woman show in Philadelphia where 50 of her landscapes were exhibited.

Betty Ford

- stumped, wrote letters, and talked to legislators on behalf of the ERA -- "I feel that the liberated woman is the woman who is happy doing what she's doing, whether it's a job or as a housewife. It doesn't make a bit of difference. Just so she, inwardly, feels that she is happy and she is liberated."
- urged her husband to appoint a woman to a cabinet level position (succeeded)