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The Ida Saxton McKinley House
331 S. Market Avenue
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Throughout history, Americans have regarded President's wives with a certain reverence. The First Ladies of recent decades have made their presence known, not just as women behind the power, but as women sharing power. As a result of the new focus on First Ladies, more and more research is being done regarding their lives and influence on their times.

The objectives of the First Ladies' Library are:

- To compile a concise, annotated bibliography of selected books, manuscripts, journals, articles and audiovisual materials dealing with America's First Ladies.
- To make that database available to the public as a base for historic research and to make that data available to libraries and universities in order to add another chapter to women's history in America.

The project will culminate in the only comprehensive, bibliographic database on the lives and the contributions of America's First Ladies. It will provide a notable contribution to the world of scholarship and a stimulus to important new research.

Please consider becoming a part of history by helping to underwrite the collection of historic data about U.S. First Ladies and the creation and operation of America's only First Ladies' Library.

Categories of memberships are as follows:

- Patron members: \$5,000 to \$10,000
- Charter members: \$1,000
- Contributing membership: \$250
- Friend memberships: \$100
- Benefactor memberships: \$25

Make checks payable to the First Ladies' Fund and mail to the Ida Saxton McKinley House, 331 S. Market Avenue, Canton, Ohio 44702.

The fund is a component of the Stark County Foundation, Inc., a tax-exempt, nonprofit, public charitable corporation organized under the laws of the state of Ohio and under Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Internal Revenue Code. The First Ladies' Library Fund assets and income will be used exclusively for charitable and educational purposes for the establishment and operation of the First Ladies' Library. A written receipt will be sent from the Stark County Foundation, Inc.

The library is located in the Ida Saxton McKinley Home, 331 S. Market Avenue, Canton, Ohio 44702-2107.



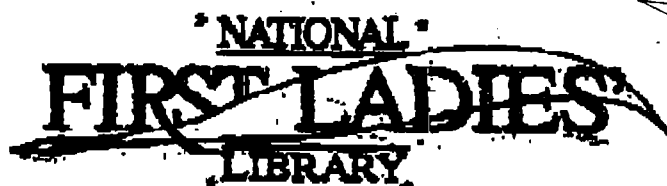
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TO: Dr. David E. Alsobrook, Bush Presidential Materials Project

FAX #: 409-260-9557

FROM: Mary Regula, Founding Chairman

DATE: September 5, 1997

RE: White House Press Conference, September 23, 1997

Enclosed you will find details about the upcoming White House Press Conference, Nortel's offer to donate equipment, and background information on the National First Ladies' Library. I hope you can be a part of this important event on September 23.

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NATIONAL FIRST LADIES' LIBRARY

**White House Press Conference
 1:00 p.m. EST Tuesday, September 23, 1997**

PROPOSED TIMELINE

HONORARY CHAIRPERSONS:

- * First Lady
 Hillary Rodham
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- * First Lady
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Mary Regula
 Founding Chair
 Securing 'I'm Not
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Scenario

The purpose of this multiple site press conference is to introduce the public to the National First Ladies' Library and unveil the website -- the on-line comprehensive bibliography of all literary works by or about First Ladies. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, former First Ladies, Ohio dignitaries, school children and media at multiple sites will participate simultaneously in the White House press conference via video and Internet connections. Moderators at the remote sites will help coordinate the press conference at the direction of a senior moderator at the White House.

Order of Events

Moderator (TBD)	Opens press conference. Introduces all sites. Intros Mary Regula.	2 minutes
Mary Regula, Founding Chair, Natl. First Ladies' Library	Welcoming remarks. Brief remarks on genesis of project and mission of Library. Discussion of elements of project: database, educational center, Saxton-McKinley House. Intros G. Davidson.	5 - 6 minutes
George Davidson, CEO, Consolidated Natural Gas Co.	Speaking as Chairman of the Fundraising Committee, explains fundraising structure. Brief remarks on CNG's involvement. Names and thanks other sponsors.	2 minutes
Mary Regula	Intros Hillary Rodham Clinton.	1 minute
Hillary Rodham Clinton	Welcoming remarks. Expresses her support of project.	3 minutes
Moderator	Explains remaining sequence of events as Mrs. Clinton moves to computer.	---

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Hillary Rodham Clinton	Accesses her bibliography	2 minutes
Moderator	Invites former First Ladies in reverse chronological order to access their bibliographies.	----
Former First Ladies	Greetings. Accesses her bibliography.	3 minutes each
Moderator	Invites participants at Canton, OH site to join in.	----
Canton site	Mr. Taft offers greetings from the site of Stark State. Expresses support of the project. Accesses Mrs. Taft's bibliography. Introduces school student to ask first question of one of the First Ladies.	3 minutes total for both.
Lakenheath A.F.B., England	On-site moderator offers greetings. Student asks second question.	1 min. for question. 2 min. for answer.
Baylor University	On-site moderator offers greetings. Student asks third question.	1 min. for question. 2 min. for answer.
Moderator (at White House)	Opens up press conference to Q&A. Questions will be taken from reporters at the White House as well as other sites. Questions may be directed at any of the participants, at any site.	----
Moderator	Announces June dedication of Library. Thanks all for coming and closes press conference.	1 minute

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National First Ladies' Library

SUMMARY

Northern Telecom (NORTEL) wishes to support the National First Ladies' Library's mission to create a central location where people can explore the lives of our nation's First Ladies and their contribution to our nation's history. In recognition of the library's desire to be both a traditional repository and virtual access facility, Nortel will donate equipment and services that will expand the library's technical capabilities and provide cost effective, global video conferencing. Through the use of the Nortel contribution, the First Ladies' Library will have state-of-the-art desk-top video conferencing equipment which can support individual, small group, classroom, or auditorium usage to provide advanced services in support of acquisition and dissemination of information, programs, and administrative functions related to the mission of the library.

The Nortel donation will provide connectivity possibilities between the First Ladies' Library and:

- the Presidential Libraries of Presidents Bush (home), Reagan, Carter, Ford, and Johnson to provide on-going exchange of information, resources, and programs.
- K-12 schools, universities, and other educational entities using the Nortel Symposium Multimedia Conferencing System or any other H.320 capable video conferencing system to disseminate programs, connect with subject experts, and support research.
- public and private libraries and other information repositories with H.320 video conferencing equipment to provide information exchange and research opportunities.
- governmental agencies with H.320 video conferencing equipment to provide connectivity with subject experts, exchange information and support research opportunities.
- business and community groups with access to H.320 video conferencing equipment to provide programs and conduct fund raising activities.
- individual citizens, library personnel, and library committee members with H.320 equipment access in support of research, meetings, discussions, program planning, and fund raising activities.

DONATION COMPONENTS

1. Nortel will donate seven (7) Nortel Symposium Multimedia Conferencing Systems to be placed in computers at the First Ladies' Library in Canton, Ohio, the White House, and the Presidential Libraries of Presidents Bush (home), Reagan, Carter, Ford, and Johnson. The donation of this equipment includes on site installation and training.

2. Nortel will donate seven (7) ELMO Desk Top Visual Document Presentation Cameras to enhance the capabilities of the video conferencing systems.

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3. Nortel will support the use of the donated equipment during the September 23, 1997, press conference with Mrs. Clinton at the White House to connect the White House with attendees in Canton, Ohio, each of the aforementioned Presidential Libraries where either the former First Lady, her representative or a library representative will be in attendance, and school children at a US Military facility overseas. Nortel will provide:

- technical support related to the installation of necessary ISDN lines at each site.
- technical support in determining the requirements of computer equipment in which the donated equipment will be installed.
- personnel at each site during the press conference to install and support the use of the equipment including all air travel, lodging, meals, ground transportation and other related expenses.
- provide multi-conferencing bridge support and connectivity for September 23 news conference including set-up, testing and, news conference programming.
- pre news conference planning and design support.

4. Nortel will provide technical support, as requested by Stark Technical College, to assist the First Ladies or their representatives in testing and accessing the First Ladies web site from the remote locations during the September 23 news conference.

5. Nortel will donate the services of Eddyth N. Worley, Ph.D. to provide the First Ladies' Library assistance in the development of educational programs and administrative usage related to the Nortel equipment and act as a liaison with Nortel. (See attached biography summary)

6. Nortel will donate one (1) year of telephone technical support for Nortel donated equipment for each site.

7. Nortel will donate one (1) year of software upgrade support and telephone technical assistance related to software upgrade to each site.

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EDDYTH NICKLER WORLEY, Ph.D.

Eddyth Worley is an internationally recognized educator and consultant to education, government, business and industry. She holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Services, a multidisciplinary degree focusing on the interrelationships of business, government, social services, education and community. Her doctoral concentration is education with double cognates in International Distance Learning Design and Delivery, and Personnel and Program Administration. Her professional practice focuses on promoting excellence, effectiveness, efficiency, and equity in the educational environment while fostering cooperation and collaboration with business, industry, social services, and government in support of student success. As an educator with instructional experience at all levels including early childhood, elementary, middle, secondary, undergraduates, graduate, and doctoral classes, and as an administrator and successful businesswoman, she provides visionary concepts for life-long learning formulated through realistic endeavors.

Dr. Worley designs national and international distance learning systems and programs, provides staff and student training, and conducts application research and program evaluation. As a consultant to K-12 and higher education institutions, and defense, business and governmental agencies, she has designed and implemented projects in Europe, Asia, Central America, and the United States. Her work with supporting the distance learning needs of the deaf community has aided in the development of a fourteen state program.

Dr. Worley speaks, presents workshops, researches and writes on numerous topics including building the global classroom, implementing technology into the instructional and administrative environments, effective teaching practices, and a broad range of personnel issues including personnel selection, communication, and conflict resolution. Her research on compressed digital video as an instructional delivery mode, her promotion of telephony as an effective and efficient educational tool, and her integration of narrow and broadband delivery systems have gained international recognition. Additionally, she designs, produces and appears in national and international interactive teleconferences, telecourses, and instructional videos. *Education in the Year 2000*, a national, interactive graduate course she produced and co-conducted, won the 1991 TelCon Award for Best Continuing and Higher Education Distance Learning Program.

Additionally, Eddyth remains active with professional organizations serving in key positions and accepting leadership roles. She is the recipient of numerous professional and civic/social awards and recognitions and is a member of two national honor societies.

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*A Message from Mary Regula,
Founding Chair, National Board of Trustees*

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Co-Chair

On behalf of the National Board of Trustees, I would like to thank you for your interest in the National First Ladies' Library. As the first and only facility of its kind, the library is privileged to have, as its honorary chairpersons, all of the living First Ladies.

The National First Ladies' Library was established to fulfill an informational void that has long frustrated academicians and armchair history buffs alike. Over the last two hundred years, the First Ladies of the United States of America have played a significant role in shaping the political and social history of our country, impacting virtually every topic that has been debated. However, until now there has been no central repository of information documenting these contributions.

The library's scholarly centerpiece is a comprehensive, annotated bibliography of books, manuscripts, journals, diaries and other materials about and by the First Ladies. This bibliography, developed by noted author and historian, Carl Sferrazza Anthony, is the only complete bibliography in existence on First Ladies. In fact, there is no comparable bibliography for information about our U.S. Presidents. This historic first will be available throughout the world via the Internet in September of 1997. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will be the first to access her bibliography on-line at a press conference at the White House shortly after Labor Day.

For those wishing to visit the library in person, the National First Ladies' Library is located in downtown Canton, Ohio, in the historic Saxton McKinley House, formerly the home of President and Mrs. McKinley. At present, the library is collecting books, biographies, periodical articles, manuscripts, photographs, oral histories, documentaries and other literary works in preparation for the library's dedication in June of 1998. All

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of the public rooms in this Victorian home have been historically documented, and the decor will be completed soon.

Once the National First Ladies' Library has been opened to the public, it will fulfill an important public service mission as an educational center. Among other projects, the library is working to develop units of study for students, educators and scholars at all levels of learning. It will also offer lectures on topics relevant to the lives, the roles and the contributions of our nation's First Ladies as well as other women who have played an important role in shaping our nation's history. Additionally, the library will serve as a preliminary research facility for scholars.

The National First Ladies' Library believes that American women have made many valuable contributions to our country. To recognize their achievements, the library will select a group of women annually who were the first to attain positions of leadership in their chosen fields. These "First Women" will be honored at an annual gala in Washington, DC.

The months leading up to the June, 1998 dedication will be exciting times for the library. During this time, several significant events of both regional and national interest are being planned.

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce you to this unique national resource. I hope that you will have the opportunity to visit the National First Ladies' Library either in person or via the library's website soon.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/15/97

TO: Bobbie Greene

FROM: Huma Abedin *habe*

RE: National First Lady's Library event

Carolyn Wu approached me regarding the National First Lady's Library event with which she is involved. She has spoken with Ginny Cantor in the Counsel's office and they voiced their concern about the status of the organization - it is not a 501C3 organization. To Carolyn's knowledge, they expect to become a non-profit on the date of the event, presumably September 23, 1997. How is the First Lady's office handling this?

MEMORANDUM

TO: Melanne Verveer

FROM: Staci Vernick, (703) 714-2369
Christine Price, (703) 714-2366

DATE: 9/10/97

SUBJECT: 9/23/97 press conference -- Hillary Rodham Clinton's participation

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We are honored to have Mrs. Clinton's participation in this important press conference which will introduce the public to the National First Ladies' Library. Our goal is to have things run as smoothly as possible for Mrs. Clinton and the White House staff, so please feel free to call us at any time with questions. **For questions related to the press conference or media relations, call Staci Vernick, Media Specialist, at (703) 714-2369. For questions dealing with all other aspects of the National First Ladies' Library, call Christine Price, Account Executive, at (703) 714-2366.**

Attached for your review and approval is a proposed scenario and timeline for the press conference. We are happy to discuss suggested changes. **We would like to address the following items regarding Mrs. Clinton's role. Many of these items were presented for discussion via a memo faxed to Marsha Berry and Patti Solis-Doyle, dated 8/27/97:**

- We would like Mrs. Clinton to be present for the entire press conference, although she would not be speaking for the first 10 minutes or so. We feel her presence as the sitting First Lady and Honorary Chairperson of the First Ladies' Library would demonstrate her commitment to recognizing a long-neglected segment of our nation's history -- the contributions of American First Ladies and other "first women" who are pioneers in their field.
- In her remarks, we suggest Mrs. Clinton discuss her interest in the project, why she got involved and her reaction as First Lady to this Library. She might also announce that each year, beginning at the Library's dedication this spring, the Library will present the First Ladies Salute First Women Awards. Potential candidates include: Sally Ride, first female astronaut; Sandra Day O'Connor, first female Supreme Court Justice. We will gladly provide detailed talking points for Mrs. Clinton, if necessary.

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- To access her bibliography, Mrs. Clinton will be provided with clear, step-by-step instructions for navigating to a predetermined target on the website. A computer technician will be on hand to assist her, if necessary. Mrs. Clinton will have time to give her reactions to the website and her bibliography before the moderator invites one of the former First Ladies to go on-line.
- Mrs. Clinton will be asked a predetermined question related to the First Ladies' Library by a student at one of the remote locations. We will provide her with that question in advance of the press conference.
- We plan to invite Barbara Walters, first female network news anchor, to moderate the White House press conference. We will provide you with a complete list of press conference participants as soon as it is available.
- We would like Mrs. Clinton to participate in press Q&A regarding the National First Ladies' Library.
- Please provide Staci Vernick with a press office contact who has authority to approve press releases and quotes.

In addition to the above, we would like to address the following "wish list" items at your earliest convenience:

- Northern Telecom, the company that is providing technical support and hardware for the computer and video communications links, would like to begin coordinating with the telecommunications/computer technician at the White House who would be working on this event **as soon as possible**.
- We would like to invite national, D.C. and Ohio press to the White House. Please advise us as to your standard media clearance procedures.
- We would like to hold the press conference in the East Room, with Martha Washington's portrait as a backdrop.
- We would like to conduct a meeting of the National First Ladies' Library National Board of Directors and an orientation luncheon for the Advisory Board and local (Canton, Ohio) Board of Directors in the Indian Treaty Room prior to the press conference. The meeting would begin at 9:30 a.m., with the luncheon starting at 11 a.m. We would be delighted to have Mrs. Clinton attend, if her schedule allows.
- School children will be present at each of the remote sites. We would like to invite D.C. students to be present at the White House press conference. We would

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welcome Mrs. Clinton's suggestions regarding the schools of her choice.

- We would like Mrs. Clinton and the former First Ladies to participate in a 15-minute Internet "chat room" session with school children around the country. Again, a computer technician would assist her, if necessary. This has not yet been included in the press conference timeline, but could occur after press Q&A.
- We would like to invite the following National First Ladies' Library supporters to be present (not actively participating):
 - A representative from each of the Library's 10 founding corporate sponsors.
 - The Library's National Board of Directors
 - The Library's local Board of Directors from Canton, Ohio
- We would like to bring our own photographer and archival videographer to record the press conference and take the following pictures:
 - Mrs. Clinton accessing her bibliography
 - Mrs. Clinton with the 10 founding corporate sponsors
 - Mrs. Clinton with Library Executive Committee Co-Chairmen Mary Regula and Suzanne Timken
 - Mrs. Clinton with the Library's local Board of Directors
 - News coverage photos of the press conference

Perhaps most importantly, **we request a meeting with you and appropriate staff members in the near future to discuss these items in full detail** and walk through the location where the press conference will be held. We are excited about Mrs. Clinton's participation in this important event and want to do everything possible to ensure things run smoothly.

We will be in touch this week to arrange a meeting. Again, please call us with any questions you might have in the meantime.

Our sincere thanks for your consideration of the above requests.



White House Press Conference
1:00 p.m. EST Tuesday, September 23, 1997

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The purpose of this multiple site press conference is to introduce the public to the National First Ladies' Library and unveil the website -- the on-line comprehensive bibliography of all literary works by or about First Ladies. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, former First Ladies, Ohio dignitaries, school children and media at multiple sites will participate simultaneously in the White House press conference via video and Internet connections. Moderators at the remote sites will help coordinate the press conference at the direction of a senior moderator at the White House.

Order of Events

Moderator (TBD)	Opens press conference. Introduces all sites. Intros Mary Regula.	2 minutes
Mary Regula, Founding Chair, Natl. First Ladies' Library	Welcoming remarks. Brief remarks on genesis of project and mission of Library. Discussion of elements of project: database, educational center, Saxton-McKinley House. Intros G. Davidson.	5 - 6 minutes
George Davidson, CEO, Consolidated Natural Gas Co.	Speaking as Chairman of the Fundraising Committee, explains fundraising structure. Brief remarks on CNG's involvement. Names and thanks other sponsors.	2 minutes
Mary Regula	Intros Hillary Rodham Clinton.	1 minute
Hillary Rodham Clinton	Welcoming remarks. Expresses her support of project.	3 minutes
Moderator	Explains remaining sequence of events as Mrs. Clinton moves to computer.	-----

Hillary Rodham Clinton	Accesses her bibliography	2 minutes
Moderator	Invites former First Ladies in reverse chronological order to access their bibliographies.	-----
Former First Ladies	Greetings. Accesses her bibliography.	3 minutes each
Moderator	Invites participants at Canton, OH site to join in.	-----
Canton site	Dignitary offers greetings from the site of the National First Ladies' Library. Expresses support of the project. Introduces school student to ask first question of one of the First Ladies.	3 minutes total for both.
Lakenheath A.F.B., England	On-site moderator offers greetings. Student asks second question.	1 min. for question. 2 min. for answer.
Baylor University	On-site moderator offers greetings. Student asks third question.	1 min. for question. 2 min. for answer.
Moderator (at White House)	Opens up press conference to Q&A. Questions will be taken from reporters at the White House as well as other sites. Questions may be directed at any of the participants, at any site.	-----
Moderator	Announces June dedication of Library. Thanks all for coming and closes press conference.	1 minute

Ann T. Eder

Record Type: Record

To: Roberta W. Greene/WHO/EOP

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Subject: fIRST LADY'S LIBRARY

Kim Widdes said you may have some information on this. I can be reached by e-mail or at 6-5161.
Thank you.

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Ann T. Eder

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Could you shed some light on this event? I keep getting calls from Hayes/Dominicci about how they want to have OPL host (get a room for) thier board meeting prior to an event they have with the First Lady. I don't even have a date.

9/10/97 First Ladies' Library (Virtual Library
Future of School)

Buy 52 21" v
hard teach for the
future already
equipped
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Content - a First Ladies Library

Overseas K.P. - a 2F base in Eng.
have been using this technology

Shows that a group can access

- HRC
- LBJ

- * Mrs. Johnson

- * Carter

- Mrs. Taft's daughter

- Caroline Kennedy

- Margaret Truman

- Susan Eisenhower

• HRC demonstrates computer
interaction -- talks about
other sites -- all goes
shell be videotaped. [2 cameras]

- Trying to show 2 levels of activity:
 - Internet - HRC will inaugurate
 - Virtual Video and the world
shows live connectivity.

Press
will be present:
• specialty press
• WHP

Technology will donated to each
public library

Nat'l
Northern
Telecom

- 7 Video conf. units donated
to the FLH currently
(This tech. is what's used
in schools.)

Many Regula can be moderate

Library
feature

"First Ladies salute first women"

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Band meeting that day -- 40 persons
Can it be in the Indian Treaty Room

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*A Message from Mary Regula,
Founding Chair, National Board of Trustees*

On behalf of the National Board of Trustees, I would like to thank you for your interest in the National First Ladies' Library. As the first and only facility of its kind, the library is privileged to have, as its honorary chairpersons, all of the living First Ladies.

The National First Ladies' Library was established to fulfill an informational void that has long frustrated academicians and armchair history buffs alike. Over the last two hundred years, the First Ladies of the United States of America have played a significant role in shaping the political and social history of our country, impacting virtually every topic that has been debated. However, until now there has been no central repository of information documenting these contributions.

The library's scholarly centerpiece is a comprehensive, annotated bibliography of books, manuscripts, journals, diaries and other materials about and by the First Ladies. This bibliography, developed by noted author and historian, Carl Sferrazza Anthony, is the only complete bibliography in existence on First Ladies. In fact, there is no comparable bibliography for information about our U.S. Presidents. This historic first will be available throughout the world via the Internet in September of 1997. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will be the first to access her bibliography on-line at a press conference at the White House shortly after Labor Day.

For those wishing to visit the library in person, the National First Ladies' Library is located in downtown Canton, Ohio, in the historic Saxton McKinley House, formerly the home of President and Mrs. McKinley. At present, the library is

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collecting books, biographies, periodical articles, manuscripts, photographs, oral histories, documentaries and other literary works in preparation for the library's dedication in June of 1998. All of the public rooms in this Victorian home have been historically documented, and the decor will be completed soon.

Once the National First Ladies' Library has been opened to the public, it will fulfill an important public service mission as an educational center. Among other projects, the library is working to develop units of study for students, educators and scholars at all levels of learning. It will also offer lectures on topics relevant to the lives, the roles and the contributions of our nation's First Ladies as well as other women who have played an important role in shaping our nation's history. Additionally, the library will serve as a preliminary research facility for scholars.

The National First Ladies' Library believes that American women have made many valuable contributions to our country. To recognize their achievements, the library will select a group of women annually who were the first to attain positions of leadership in their chosen fields. These "First Women" will be honored by the living First Ladies at an annual gala in Washington, DC.

The months leading up to the June, 1998 dedication will be exciting times for the library. During this time, several significant events of both regional and national interest are being planned.

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce you to this unique national resource. I hope that you will have the opportunity to visit the National First Ladies' Library either in person or via the library's website soon.

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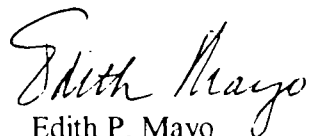
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND CULTURE

It is a pleasure to write in enthusiastic support of the National First Ladies Library. Since the days of George and Martha Washington, First Ladies have always fascinated the American people. We watch and comment on what they wear, visit their homes and the presidential libraries, and pore over their diaries, reminiscences, and memoirs. First Ladies have reflected our society's ideals of home, family, and womanhood – ideals that have been continuously reshaped over more than two centuries of American history. As Curator Emeritus of the Smithsonian Institution's First Ladies Collection, I can attest to the enormous popularity of these women with the American public.

First Ladies and their changing role in our country's history and politics, have generated a singular historical curiosity that often goes unsatisfied because scholarly information and primary source materials are not easily available from any single source. The First Ladies Library offers a unique opportunity to gather and make available historical data about America's First Ladies in a comprehensive archival repository that provides a vast resource for scholars and the public alike.

The study of First Ladies has become an important scholarly field in its own right. As the most visible woman in American public life, the evolution of the First Lady's role from the president's social hostess and ceremonial partner to an advocate of social causes and a political partner places her at the center of both presidential history and women's history. The conjunction of women's private and public lives, an important interest for women's history scholars, is seen most clearly in the lives of presidential spouses and makes them a primary example for study. First Ladies lives also provide those who educate the public with a unique window on the realities of women's lives at any given period in the American past. The Library, with its extensive on-line bibliography, and plans for recordings, still photographs, exhibitions, and units of study for teachers and libraries, offers a comprehensive resource for schools and students of all ages.

Throughout our history, the First Lady has been an important figure in extending political roles for women and the acceptance of women in public life. In celebrating and honoring these women, and their legacies, we celebrate the rich heritage of all American women. The First Ladies Library will play a crucial role in restoring that heritage to mainstream American culture.



Edith P. Mayo
Curator Emeritus, First Ladies Collection
Smithsonian Institution

What Resources will be Available at the National First Ladies' Library?

By Carl Sferrazza Anthony

The mission of the National First Ladies' Library is to create a central location where people can explore the lives of our nation's First Ladies and their contributions to our nation's history. The library will be both a preliminary research facility and an educational center that includes three major components: the National First Ladies' Library on-line bibliographic database, the library in the historically documented Saxton McKinley home and an educational center adjacent to the Saxton McKinley home. The educational center will be housed in a historic building recently donated to the library by brothers Marsh and Tim Belden, who are descendants of Ida Saxton McKinley.

In preparation of the formal dedication in June of 1998, the library is working to expand its holdings and to develop educational programs for students in all levels of study. The following paragraphs describe the library's plans for the various elements of the library.

Library Holdings

- ▶ update information on the National First Ladies' Library on-line bibliographic database annually;
- ▶ develop the library's collections based on the bibliographic database in an effort to collect as many of the books and copies of newspapers and magazine articles in this expansive bibliography as possible;
- ▶ collect materials related not only to the lives of the First Ladies, but also the social movements and political policies they influenced, as well as information about other great women in American history;

- ▶ create a national collection of audio recordings of all First Ladies, drawn from their books-on-tape, the Museum of Broadcasting, radio interviews and speeches as available through the Presidential Libraries;
- ▶ establish a collection of still pictures of First Ladies, drawn from the collections of the Library of Congress, Presidential homes and Libraries;

Research Center

- ▶ purchase copies of reels of microfilm of First Ladies' papers (mostly from the pre-Presidential Library era) from organizations such as the Ohio Historical Society, Massachusetts Historical Society and the collections of Presidential Papers, owned by the Library of Congress. These will be housed in the research room along with microfilm viewers and photocopy machines;

Reference Center

- ▶ become a national reference center. Some of the above material - particularly that from the presidential libraries - will fall into public domain; the rest, material for which the copyright is held by others, can be at the Library for reference use only, and it would be the responsibility of those seeking copies of such material to first obtain the written permission from the holder. In this way, the National First Ladies' Library can serve students without restraint about its collecting process;

Temporary Exhibits

- ▶ create an exhibit room at the library where a series of in-depth temporary exhibits can illustrate the lives and achievements of each First Lady. The exhibit would include lectures on the First Lady, the President and the history of American women of that particular era;

Media Center/ Theater

- ▶ establish a media center/theater where patrons can view historic documentaries, films or home movies about the lives and issues important to the First Ladies. Students would visit the media center to listen to audio recordings from the library's holdings and to access the National First Ladies' Library bibliographic database from the library's computers;

Educational Center

- ▶ develop an area where library guests can attend lectures and seminars by prominent historians about issues pertaining to First Ladies and other great American women;
- ▶ use the on-line capacity available at the National First Ladies' Library to conduct two ongoing activities that serve national purposes:
 - a) initiate a national dialogue of opinions about the proper and best roles of not only a First Lady, but unelected women in politics;
 - b) conduct various national polls on-line, seeking generalized views and reactions to events, controversies, speeches, etc. of incumbent First Ladies.

THE NATIONAL FIRST LADIES' LIBRARY
A UNIQUE NATIONAL RESOURCE

By: Dr. Carol Cartwright, President
Kent State University

As the first and only facility of its kind, the National First Ladies' Library will serve as a unique, national resource for patrons from school children to serious scholars. As a national archive devoted to the lives and legacies of America's First Ladies, the Library's holdings will fill an informational void that has long frustrated academicians and armchair history buffs alike.

Presidential spouses, who hail from virtually every part of the country and represent a diversity of economic and social backgrounds, are fascinating in their own right. However, the study of First Ladies holds enormous potential for generating knowledge of a far broader scope. The changing roles of the First Lady - from social hostess to social activist and from silent partner to full partner - mirror the changing roles of all American women. Thus, the availability of comprehensive data about First Ladies is likely to spark research in disciplines including U.S. history, sociology and women's studies.

The Library's scholarly centerpiece will be a comprehensive, annotated bibliography of books, manuscripts, journals, diaries and other materials about and by the First Ladies.

Commissioned by the Library Executive Committee, the bibliography was compiled by the respected historian, Carl Sferrazza Anthony, who devoted more than a year to this ambitious project.

Modern technology will allow unprecedented access to this one-of-a-kind database. The 1,000-plus-page bibliography will be available via the World Wide Web on the National First Ladies' Library Internet home page, which will be linked electronically to the popular White House home page. Eventually, the Library's home page will offer units of study that teachers and school librarians anywhere in the world can use to provide or enrich social studies curricula at all levels.

Those who are able to travel to Canton, Ohio, in person will have access to the Library's own computer facilities and to its growing collection of books, newspaper and journal articles and audio and video tapes. Visitors also will be able to glimpse a bygone era as they tour the home of America's 23rd First Lady, Ida Saxton McKinley, which has been restored with great attention to historical accuracy.

In addition to its primary function as a repository of historical data, the National First Ladies' Library will serve a vital public-service mission as the sponsor of year-round educational and cultural activities and events. For example, short-and longer-term outreach activities will include:

- Celebrating an annual "Mrs. President's Day," held in conjunction with President's Day, during which lectures about the life and times of First Ladies are presented at local schools and books are donated to school libraries.*
- Developing units of study about First Ladies that encourage centers to use and enjoy libraries and computers.*
- Sponsoring guest lectures at public libraries and community centers by authorities on the Presidency and First Lady.*
- Coordinating and connecting all presidential sites and presidential libraries via the Internet.*
- Developing workshops for K-12 classes that demonstrates the wide range of research materials and methodologies, including electronic sources, documentaries and other films and oral histories.*
- Sponsoring a major film festival featuring First Ladies at theaters throughout Ohio and beyond.*
- Organizing displays, receptions and musical performances at cultural sites such as art and history museums and symphony halls.*
- Enlisting high school and college students to bring history alive for audiences from schools to social clubs.*

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- *Holding seminars on and by First Ladies about their unique role in American history.*
- *Encouraging women's leadership roles through workshops and study groups focusing on First Ladies.*
- *Providing assistance with a proposed television documentary about the First Ladies.*
- *Creating an information center on the history and influence of First Ladies for dissemination to the nation's presidential homes and libraries.*

The National First Ladies' Library project has captured the imagination of the Canton, Ohio-area community and has generated enormous excitement among the community of scholars. Since its inception, the project has also received the enthusiastic endorsement of the nation's First Ladies, each of whom is an honorary project chairperson and many of whom have expressed a desire to attend the official opening in June 1998.

As the National First Ladies' Library takes shape, so, too, does the promise of valuable, new knowledge about untold chapters in American history. And so, too, does the promise of inspiring Americans, people the world over, for generations to come.

Facts About The National First Ladies' Library Bibliographic Database

The database is:	A comprehensive and annotated virtual bibliography of books, manuscripts, journals, diaries, and other materials about and by the First Ladies of the United States. The bibliography is part of the National First Ladies' Library website and is the first and only resource of its kind. In fact, there is no such bibliography in existence yet for American presidents.
Bibliography developed by:	Noted author and historian Carl Sferrazza Anthony, who devoted more than a year to this project. Anthony has written a number of books about the first ladies, including <i>First Ladies: The Saga of the Presidents' Wives and Their Power</i> (Volumes I and II), and <i>As We Remember Her</i> , a collection of reminiscences by friends and family of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.
Purpose of database:	To offer a comprehensive repository of information for people interested in the study of first ladies and other great American women. Americans are beginning to ask questions about the women who have shaped our country. The database answers these questions by providing information for research about the lives of these women, the social and political issues they impacted, and the changing roles that all women have fulfilled over the last 200 years.
Intended audiences:	Designed for use by everyone from the armchair history buff to the serious scholar. The bibliography is an excellent starting place for scholars interested in in-depth study of the first ladies.
Number of records:	Nearly 10,000, which translates to almost 1000 pages in print.
Website developed by:	Stark State College of Technology, Canton, Ohio. Stark State is also responsible for maintaining the website.
Available to the world:	October, 1997 via the World Wide Web. Website address will be available soon.