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Could you all take a final look at the attached? David and Julie I put in format, the women used first names and the men didn't for example.

I am sure everyone is clearing desks and packing – I can see wood on my desk but that is as far as I have gotten, and I fear the December tickler file will burst. But my body and emotions are totally ready for this amazing trip and meeting everyone. When David took his brother to Israel, he wrote “you told me it was the trip of a lifetime and it exceeded my expectations.” Israel is like that ... and Russia too. A third of the Russian language is French and the exquisite French finery is in sharp contrast to the remaining ravages of communism, even if you expect it already.

Sadly, Allan and Darleen Cors have to cancel for health reasons. Amazing pinch hitters David and Julie Clarke have stepped up to the plate. I had to arrange boards and commissions in Reagan and in Bush 41, and we are a “sex, geography and political spectrum” balanced and interesting lot, we'd have cleared the White House!

Ladies Only:

Could you send me three points for our ladies-only night with Maria and the other women of the Right to Bear Arms? Don't panic about the reference to journalists, David got his buck yesterday and doe today in Missouri and he'll make sure any of us are prepared if and when we do press. With translations it is usually surface information and they are interested to know about a culture we know well. For example Kim you know media and how many people are affected by the information your husband can share freely in America, Hilary you can talk about hunting and how things have changed in a generation; that you don't have to stand by your man to be a world hunter. Julie, we have not met but just law enforcement and some of the brave men you know and how rigorous the training and yearly updates are, the practice the police all do – or we can each or all opt out of press. IWF is the think tank I am a part of, so gun policy but I never cover anything controversial, so for example, the difference between where I grew up in Texas where everyone knew guns and hunting verses gun controlled DC where only the criminals have guns. Or that when I grew up you took your BB gun out and shot whenever, and now it is licensed and seasoned and restricted and ... if they ask me a question I don't know or don't want to answer I talk about skeet shooting and picking the cheapest gun there as my favorite because it fit comfortably and I don't do that with shoes. We have more latitude than the men.

In Maria's own words:

Dear Donna,

As I wrote before, we are going to invite all women from the delegation to the special reception and talk about women and gun rights. Could you please send a little more information about the role of the women of the delegation in their fighting for gun rights - at The NRA Women's Forum (Goldschlager and Cors), at The Independent Women's Forum and may be something about Liberatore and Clarke - I do not know if they have ever been involved in such activity.

We need this information for the journalists that might ask for some interviews if you do not mind.

Thank you!

Maria

P.S. Almost all your schedule is done - we are waiting a response from The Ministry Of Foreign Affairs - Mr. Lavrov wants to meet you and we are working to make it real.