EDITOR'S NOTE

In the previous issue of White House Studies, Professors Thomas Cronin and Michael A. Genovese contributed a recommended reading list on the presidency that they had prepared for a report presented to President George W. Bush. Thacker-Estrada's reading list--reprinted here in partial--was included in a report presented to First Lady Laura Bush (Laura Bush: The Report to the First Lady), herself a librarian and bibliophile.

OVERVIEW

The following list of sources includes several of the most definitive, useful, and engrossing books, journals, and materials on the White House, the presidential wives, and official Washington, D.C. For ease of use, these recommended sources are listed by category, beginning with books about the White House, and continuing with sources on official Washington--the principal setting in which first ladies perform their roles--and biographies and studies on the presidential wives.

This reading list is not an exhaustive resource list. For the sake of conciseness, in all but one category, only books and resources featuring two or more first ladies are included. The one exception is the section featuring published autobiographies of former first ladies.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Every president's wife since Abigail Adams, with the exception of Anna Harrison, has resided in the Executive Mansion. First Ladies have usually born the responsibility of managing "The First Lady's House," and many, such as Abigail Fillmore who helped establish the permanent White House library, have substantially changed and improved this historic site.

History of the White House

Frank Freidel and William Pencek, eds., The White House: The First Two Hundred Years (Boston: Northeastern University Press, 1994).
Learn about The White House in Washington DC with our complete information guide featuring historical facts, interactive map, pictures, and things to do nearby. It has also served as the home of every U.S. president except George Washington. Remodeled and restored many times over the years, the White House is recognized around the world as an emblem of American democracy. For many, the most famous room in the residence is the Oval Office where the president conducts business and meets with his advisers. Maintaining a stately presence in the nation's capital, the White House is one of most significant landmarks in Washington, D.C. Restrooms. The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington DC, is the most famous address in America. Biały Dom, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington DC, to jest najsłynniejszy adres w Ameryce. It is where the United States President works, but it is also his private home where he lives with his family. To tutaj pracuje Prezydent Stanów Zjednoczonych, ale to jest również jego prywatny dom, gdzie mieszka ze swoją rodziną. He has children's birthday parties, holiday dinners, and weddings in this world-famous building. W tym słynnym na całym świecie budynku odbywają się imprezy urodzinowe dzieci,