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Q Christmas. It's about creating ritual and ceremony, and you once told me, and maybe that was the time you told me, that it was the most significant holiday of the year for you.

MRS. CLINTON: Mm-hmm.

Q Why?

MRS. CLINTON: Oh, I just love the Christmas story. It's always been important to me because of what it signifies and because of my religious faith. I love the feelings that seem to come to the surface in so many people when -- institutions, even -- and they try to make up for the whole year by reaching out and helping people, and being filled with love and caring.

And I just have always had fun at Christmas. I mean, even as a little girl, I mean the Christmas memories are the ones that are in the forefront of my whole life story. And I know that Bill feels the same way. He is a Christmas fanatic, like I am, and so when Chelsea came along we created our own family rituals for her. So there are just so many aspects to it that I really love being part of.

Q You created your own family rituals. Such as?

MRS. CLINTON: Well, we obviously do the usual things, at least usual by both of our family traditions, baking some cookies, decorating trees, making ornaments, having a -- oh, thank you, James -- having a -- involvement with our churches.

Those are so cute. Thank you. No, I can't (inaudible) right now because (inaudible).

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Chelsea was always in the Christmas pageant, just like I remember, you know -- just leave them here, though, please.

When the President was in the Oval Office the other day with the children who had come to celebrate Hanukah -- and they had brought this beautiful little play menorah, and they played dreidel. And when they went to light the candles, the President said he just had this flashback to the time that we were in church one Christmas Eve, this really, brutally cold Christmas Eve, with Chelsea, who was playing the Angel Gabriel. There were all these little girls all dressed in their -- you know, angel gowns, with their wings, all holding candles, and one of them had their hair catch on fire.

And in the Oval Office two days ago, this little girl had her hair catch on fire, and the President just immediately slapped it out. He said it was just -- he said he -- you know, he just -- all through his mind, you know, raced this image from this Christmas Eve past.

And you know we always go to church. We open our presents on Christmas morning. We always have our family together on Christmas Eve. We play games, usually, of some kind, and when in Arkansas, we always had lots of friends and neighbors in on Christmas Eve. We go shopping together, and we also always adopted at least one, usually more, families that we would help at Christmas.

We also always spent time at either the Salvation Army or the Union Rescue Mission, or the Dorcas House, which cared for battered women and their children. We would not only help them out with material gifts, but we would also go and spend time there and visit them and -- so I mean, it's just what we always do.

Q Well, when you talk about the games, that was something you had mentioned to me before, and I had asked Lisa if you would bring down the Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. Antlers -- I didn't want you to wear (inaudible).

MRS. CLINTON: Well, no, actually, those are in the possession of our good friend Caroline Staley (phonetic). Caroline Staley is the one who comes every year -- we always have a big family Christmas party the Sunday before Christmas, and Caroline Staley always brings -- it's her

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job -- she brings the Rudolph-and-his-fellow-reindeer antlers, and nose. She brings the Santa Claus paraphernalia, and she brings the props for the 12 days of Christmas, which we act out. So this is an assigned task, here.

Q So what's happening this year with all that?

MRS. CLINTON: Well, I hope she will be able to be here, but we're not sure, because she has been given an opportunity to do something that she may not be able to get out of. So we will have the stuff shipped to us and we will do it ourselves.

Q Well, who is coming to Christmas this year?

MRS. CLINTON: Well, our mothers, and we hope all of our brothers, and we hope -- you know, various friends and family members. Starting about a week before Christmas, we're going to have lots of private family time with lots of our friends.

You know, one of my roommates from college, who is a dear friend of mine, and her three daughters and her husband will be here. And another roommate of mine from college, with her two children will be here. A lot of the President's friends -- I mean, it's just a time when we try to gather people in.

Q So that you -- will they be staying here?

MRS. CLINTON: Some will.

Q Some will?

MRS. CLINTON: Yes.

Q How many people -- I'm sorry.

MRS. CLINTON: But they'll be also -- you know, they'll be going to their own families for Christmas, so this is just, like, the weekend before Christmas, because since we're not in a situation like we've always been, where our friends and family were kind of around of us in ways, we're going to have to improvise.

Q How many people will you have for Christmas itself?

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MRS. CLINTON: We're not sure, yet.

Q You're not sure? Will there be friends as well as the family?

MRS. CLINTON: Mm-hmm, yes, there will be friends as well as family.

Q So how are you going to do this? Where are you going to have dinner?

MRS. CLINTON: Haven't decided yet. Depending upon the number, we may have it in the family dining room on the first floor, we may have it in the State Dining Room, along -- around a big table. We may have it up on the second floor dining room. I just don't yet.

Q Depending on how many people?

MRS. CLINTON: Yes.

Q What's the range you're talking about?

MRS. CLINTON: I don't know, 12 to 25, somewhere around in there. It's up in the air.

Q Who's going to do the cooking for this one?

MRS. CLINTON: Well, this one will be the White House staff. I mean, that's -- yes. Yes. I've gone back and looked at all the old Christmases. There's wonderful pictures of, you know, the Trumans, or the Eisenhowers, and the Reagans, and all, and they've always had, you know, a good number of people for Christmas. I assume that the staff is pretty familiar with that.

Q When you had it in the Governor's Mansion, who did the cooking then?

MRS. CLINTON: We would come -- what we would do is that the staff, who we would let off on Christmas Day, would help prepare a lot of the things that could then be heated up. And then Bill and I, and various people who were coming to dinner would pitch in and help and do the rest.

You know, we would -- we all -- you know, we always had turkey and ham, and usually the ham is a prebaked ham, so

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that only needed to be heated up, but we'd stuff the turkey and put that in in the morning, and then we would -- you know, do the mashed potatoes and whip those. But then we would probably do the sweet potato casserole ahead of time and just heat it up, and you know, have the relish trays all ready and the vegetables would just be -- you know, so -- and all of the desserts would have been done.

Q So you actually were doing some cooking (inaudible)?

MRS. CLINTON: Oh, yes, yes. This year, probably not, though.

Q Probably not.

MRS. CLINTON: It's so much more complicated, you know, to make it.

Q (Inaudible) did the cookies.

MRS. CLINTON: Well, we -- yes, and we've been eating those cookies, now, for two weeks. We'll probably make some more of those.

Q Well, now, what about the chocolate chip cooky tradition?

MRS. CLINTON: That's what with -- that's a very important tradition for my brothers, and so we will -- we always do that if my brothers are around. That's kind of their thing, because they always used to compete over the biggest chocolate chip cooky.

Q I was looking at my notes.

MRS. CLINTON: Yes.

Q And you did it on Christmas Eve.

MRS. CLINTON: Mm-hmm. Well, here's how it got started. It got started back in the mists of our childhood because my father always wanted to put the Christmas tree up. I mean, in his family, you put the Christmas tree up on Christmas Eve, so everybody else's trees would be going -- then we'd decorate the outside of our house. But every -- all of our friends' trees would be going up, and my father

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would just say, no, we're not putting it up until Christmas Eve.

So my father would go out with me or one of my brothers, and go and buy the Christmas tree on Christmas Eve, like usually after work. So I mean this was --

Q What's left?

MRS. CLINTON: Well, there wasn't much left, and that was the thing we always used to tell him. But -- but he always found a tree that -- and really, with very few years that I can remember, he always found a wonderful tree. And he always thought it proved that that's what we were supposed to do.

So the tree would be dragged in, and then all of the hassle of getting the tree in the tree stand, and, you know, vacuuming up needles, and putting on the lights. All of that would take place on Christmas Eve. And usually we also had to take time out to, you know, maybe run to church for the church pageant, where we could watch people's hair catch on fire, or where -- one year I knelt -- my job was as an angel, and I knelt, holding the candle, and hypnotized myself, so that I fell over, and some girl had to start pushing me up.

I mean, have you ever read those stories about the Christmas pageant? I can't remember who wrote them, but there's this hilarious book somebody wrote about, you know, the typical Christmas pageant? Well, that happened to us every year.

Then relatives would arrive. So my mother would be, you know, cooking food for relatives, running back and forth with my father putting the lights on. We'd be rummaging through the ornaments boxes. And so finally she decided that she'd get all the kids -- because lots of times there was cousins and friends, and others, as well as my brothers and me -- and she'd give us something to do.

If you make chocolate chip cookies, you know, it's an enormously fulfilling task for children, because you -- they eat the chips, they eat the dough, they argue about the size of the cookies. And so everybody just -- they're all pushed into the kitchen, and we would all be in the kitchen while the tree was actually stabilized, while the needles

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were vacuumed up, while the tree skirt was put on, and while the lights were put on. Then we could all go in and put the ornaments on.

So there was a real method to her madness about this. It was very funny.

Q So you -- you will actually make chocolate chip cookies?

MRS. CLINTON: Oh, yes, we will.

Q Christmas Eve?

MRS. CLINTON: Oh, yes. And then we always burned them when we were growing up. We always burned them. And so -- then we would eat them all night, and then we'd go to bed. We would get up very early in the morning and, like, all day we'd eat chocolate chip cookies -- and usually burned, burned.

Q No turkey, no --

MRS. CLINTON: Well, we'd have dinner as well.

Q The fact that you're not having to do any of the cooking, is this -- does it make it better, or is it a relief?

MRS. CLINTON: No, you know, it's very odd, because -- I mean, I think both of our mothers are thrilled, but -- you know, as my mother said, you know, she's spent 70 years cooking. I've only spent, you know, 40, and then I had lots of help. So I don't know, it's kind of an odd feeling, in a way, but yes.

Q Was mood a very important part of your Christmas ritual?

MRS. CLINTON: Oh, yes. Oh, you know, setting the dining room table, which was always my job whenever we ate at the -- well, whenever we ate. I set -- that was my job, setting the table, among others. But you know, getting out the good tablecloth that you didn't use except for special occasions, and putting candles on the table, and then setting the table.

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And I used -- I remember when I got to the age where I really wanted to set it right. So you know, I'd read -- I'd read a book about how you set a table, and I -- I was probably about Chelsea's age. I set it, and my brothers came to the table. They said, what are all these forks and spoons for? And I said, well, if you'd only read the book you'd know you were supposed to have all of that stuff.

And then, of course, you know, as the food would get -- you know, the food would get prepared, and everybody would be kind of sneaking in the kitchen to steal food and all that. It was just -- it was wonderful.

My grandfather, my father's father, came every Christmas, and he was such a wonderful man, and he -- he was very creative, and he had lots of ideas about making things. And so the other way we would be kept busy was by making ornaments and by making little decoration things -- I mean, out of clay, out of paper, out of hollies. I mean, you know, just all different kinds of things that we would use to decorate the house or put, you know, as centerpieces. So we had a lot of fun.

Q Tell me a typical menu.

MRS. CLINTON: A typical menu when I was growing up or once I moved to Arkansas?

Q No, once you moved to Arkansas.

MRS. CLINTON: Because it was different -- and we combined our two traditions. So we would have a turkey, but we would also have a ham; we would have both bread stuffing and cornbread stuffing; we would have sweet potato casserole and mashed potatoes. We would have either green beans or broccoli.

We would usually have some kind of salad, sometimes the sort of ambrosia salad that Bill's mother makes wonderfully well, sometimes a cranberry mold, sometimes bing cherry Jello, but we'd always have something. That was a particular -- that was a particular favorite of my father's. He always liked that.

We would have giblet gravy, and we would have a relish tray, because my father adored eating green onions with his turkey, and watermelon rind pickles.

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Q That was the southern part (inaudible)?

MRS. CLINTON: That was -- but my father -- I brought the onions with me, but the watermelon rind pickles, when he discovered them, we had to have that, plus olives. He loved green -- green and black olives with his turkey.

We would have then for dessert -- we would have pumpkin pie, which is Chelsea's favorite pie. We would have pecan pie, which is Bill's mother's favorite pie. We would have, usually, then, a third pie, either apple or cherry, which is my parents' favorite pie. And then we'd often have a cake. So I mean we just -- you know, we really just laid it out there on Thanksgiving.

We kept pretty -- this year, when we had Thanksgiving at Camp David we had not quite as much, but a comparable menu, and we'll have something very similar to that for Christmas.

Q Something similar to that for Christmas here?

MRS. CLINTON: Mm-hmm.

Q So the staff already knows?

MRS. CLINTON: Yes, but we haven't actually sat down and talked about it. They've been pretty busy with all the holiday parties. I've looked at the menus -- and this would be interesting. I've looked at the menus of previous Christmases and holidays. The amount of food that was served and consumed in the 19th century just boggles your mind.

Q Yes.

MRS. CLINTON: And there are some things -- I haven't had a chance to really focus on this -- but there are some things that sound wonderful, that I would love to figure out if we could replicate here sometime, you know. Just individual dishes, not the whole menu, which, you know, went from, you know, fresh oysters all the way down. I mean, it was --

Q Nineteen courses.

MRS. CLINTON: Nineteen courses, yes.

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Q Stop looking at your watch, you're making me nervous.

MRS. CLINTON: No, I'm -- you know why? Let me just tell you why. She's doing a live -- the home show live, so I'm just watching -- we're going to have wrap in five minutes.

Q Five minutes?

MRS. CLINTON: Mm-hmm.

Q I didn't have a half an hour -- even close.

MRS. CLINTON: I know, because -- no, we started at 10:30. You're going to get about 25 minutes.

Q Well, we should -- you know, I'll be glad to --

MRS. CLINTON: We can finish it on the phone, if you need to.

Q Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. All right. Any special requests for the pastry show?

MRS. CLINTON: I love Roland's (phonetic) food. And no, I think -- he always surprises us, and I want him to -- I do want pumpkin pie, but everything else I'm kind of open to.

Q Open to let him do what he wants?

MRS. CLINTON: Yes. Yes.

Q Is living in the White House going to make Christmas better or not quite as good because it's not so family --

MRS. CLINTON: Oh, no, I think it's going to make it different. I mean, it's good in a different way. I've already loved the decorations, and I have really felt good about what we've done in the house, and what we're doing to open it up, and -- we had the artists who contributed their crafts last night. And just meeting them -- and they were from all over the country -- and it was just a thrill to me. So I think it's going to be really good, but just in a different way.

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Q The Christmas -- you'll have a Christmas tree --

MRS. CLINTON: Yes. Yes.

Q -- your own personal Christmas tree? Do you know when you're going to decorate it, when it will be decorated?

MRS. CLINTON: We'll probably put it up, oh, about the 23rd, after -- you know, after -- when we've got to time to do it.

Q And you said that Chelsea and the President are the decorators. Well, what do you do?

MRS. CLINTON: Well, I help, but they are very serious about this. I mean, this is -- this is -- I mean, usually I kibitz. I do my part. I turn on the Christmas music. Actually, I do a lot of the unwrapping, is what I do. My job is to kind of get all of the ornaments unwrapped so that then they decide where they're going to put them. And they have so much fun doing it. And then I come in and sort of change some of them around.

Q Now you say you've collected ornaments over the years?

MRS. CLINTON: Yes, yes.

Q Are these things people send you, or that you've made, or --

MRS. CLINTON: Both. I mean, there are things that we brought from our own homes. There are things that we have made together. There are things that friends have given us, because people know we're crazy about Christmas, so people often give us ornaments around the Christmas season as presents.

And there are things that have special meaning, like, when Chelsea was a little girl we would lead up to Christmas with kind of little surprise presents and -- that would have something to do with what she was doing. So we have probably more than our share of nutcrackers on the Christmas tree.

We have, you know, a lot of little ballerina-

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related Christmas ornaments. We have all of her school ornaments, and we took some of her school work and turned it into ornaments. So we just -- things that mean something to us.

Q When did Chelsea stop believing in Santa Claus?

MRS. CLINTON: She held out a long time. She really did. I think -- and she and her friends were so funny because -- probably when they were 10 or -- you know, I think about 10. But even after they were 10, they would say to us things like -- you know.

Chelsea and her friends would have conversations with each of the respective parents, and they would say, you know -- because I remember (inaudible) one of her best friends had a younger brother, and when her friend and Chelsea started talking to her mother about how, you know, they really had figured out -- the mother said, well, don't tell, you know, your little brother. And so then Chelsea came to me and she said, Mom, does that mean we stop getting presents? I said, no, I don't think that's the way it works. She said, well, we were really worried about that, you know. So.

A PARTICIPANT: We have to wrap right now. I'm Scrooge, so we'll finish this, because she goes live in five minutes.

MRS. CLINTON: When do I finish with them, the home show?

A PARTICIPANT: You finish at noon, and then you've got something else, but we can either -- we can do this on the phone this afternoon (inaudible).

MRS. CLINTON: Oh. You're welcome, Marion. It's for you.

Q Oh, it's for me? Oh.

MRS. CLINTON: Yes. I don't think this will work on here. We're going to have to get a felt pen.

Q Oh, you need a sharp one?

MRS. CLINTON: Yes. Yes.

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Q Oh, okay, then. Well, I'll do that this afternoon.

MRS. CLINTON: Okay.

A PARTICIPANT: Okay, if we could --

Q I'd love to do that.

A PARTICIPANT: Yes.

Q I would appreciate it.

A PARTICIPANT: I'm being Scrooge. I'm sorry (inaudible).

MRS. CLINTON: Or maybe after we finish our last thing.

(End of side 1.)

Q Going over my notes, I noticed you had said about -- you adopted a family down in --

MRS. CLINTON: Yes.

Q Are you going to do that here?

MRS. CLINTON: I hope we can, but, you know, we'll do it anonymously. In Arkansas we did it both anonymously and sometimes we would deliver the gifts ourselves so the people would meet us, but we never publicized it. So I don't want to -- I don't want to do that here. I just want to do it because this is the right thing to do.

Q Can we go back to Christmas Eve for a minute?

MRS. CLINTON: Mm-hmm.

Q Is that when you do your Rudolph-the-Red-Nosed-Reindeer number?

MRS. CLINTON: It's usually the Christmas party that we have the Sunday before Christmas.

Q Oh, okay. What goes on Christmas Eve?

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MRS. CLINTON: Christmas Eve we sing Christmas carols -- and may do it again, depending upon whether we have a chance. But we usually have a big family meal and gathering, and finish the advent calendars which we do every season and, you know, just have a meal and go to church.

Q Anything special about the meal?

MRS. CLINTON: On Christmas Eve no, but usually -- for the last several years, because Christmas Eve is such a hectic time, I usually do chili, something really simple, because I never know how many people are going to show up. So I'll do either a big pot chili, with rice to stretch it, beans to stretch it -- and you know, just keep it going. A huge salad, lots of good, fresh bread, different kinds of fruits and -- because I never know who is going to be there.

I mean, one year, you know, at 10:00 in the morning we thought it was going to be my family, and that was, you know, about it. There were going to be maybe 8 or 10 of us. By the time Christmas Eve was over, we fed about 50 people (inaudible).

Q What are you going to do here Christmas Eve?

MRS. CLINTON: I don't know. We haven't decided yet, because, you know, a lot of our friends will be gone, you know, with their own families. I mean, before, at the Governor's Mansion, people would -- we'd -- you know, people would stop by going to and from church. And so I just don't know what we're going to do (inaudible) this year.

Q What part does the President take in Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and also (inaudible)?

MRS. CLINTON: The children usually do the Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and the President, then, is in the 12 days of Christmas. He and I were laughing about it: he makes a great partridge in a pear tree, but his favorites are lords a-leaping.

Q Do I dare ask?

MRS. CLINTON: (Laughter.)

Q And you?

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MRS. CLINTON: Oh, I have a -- I don't have a good voice like he does, so I don't want any solo parts. I just -- I like to be in the chorus.

Q You were talking about doing some parties for your friends when they are here. What kinds of things do you want to talk about the children?

MRS. CLINTON: Well, I want to have a big table filled with wonderful Christmas cookies and special surprises, like the ones we just took pictures of that were (inaudible), you know, the marzipan Santa Clauses and snowmen, snow-women, and all that. For children, particularly, I just think that they will go crazy when they see those. I mean, he's done such a good job.

But there will mostly be Christmas carols, singing, lots of visiting, fires going, people talking, eating -- just the usual kind of wonderful party.

Q For one reason or another I have an oatmeal cooky recipe of yours.

MRS. CLINTON: Yes.

Q Does it happen to make it for Christmas, or is that something for another time of the year?

MRS. CLINTON: Well, you know, traditionally, when I was growing up, we did the Nestle Toll House recipe, and then when I started fooling around -- and Bill won't eat chocolate -- that's when I started with oatmeal cookies. That's when we decided to have oatmeal -- see, because I can split the batter.

You can have plain oatmeal cookies, or you can throw in the chocolate chips, and you can throw in nuts, either nuts alone and oatmeal, or nuts with the chocolate chips. So it was a real time saver for me, because I can make oatmeal cookies for him, which are his favorite, and I can make chocolate chip cookies (inaudible). So.

Q So will you have them for Christmas?

MRS. CLINTON: Oh, yes.

Q I'm sorry, I'm jumping all over the lot. What

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do you drink with your meal at Christmas time? Do you have wine?

MRS. CLINTON: The adults have wine and champagne, and we also serve eggnog. I've got -- I pulled a recipe -- I still read the Arkansas papers -- I pulled a recipe for sweet potato punch. Before you make a face -- I'll send you a copy of it. I have not tried it yet, but I am going to try it. Actually --

Q (Inaudible) make me try it before Christmas?

MRS. CLINTON: No. No, friends of mine who tried it say it takes a little courage to try it, but it's actually good. So you know, we try everything. And syllabub -- have you ever had syllabub? I love syllabub, and we like all kinds of eggnog.

Q Can we go back also to -- we just touched on it briefly -- about not cooking, and feeling odd about it, and --

MRS. CLINTON: You know, I didn't cook every day, but it used to be -- we would have no help on weekends, and so lots of times things would be left in the refrigerator. But lots of times Chelsea and I would go shopping, and we would cook, and -- you know, that's what we did. But on holidays we really liked to get more involved, and so that's what I'm trying to figure out how to do, you know, now, in this different role.

Q Do you think that your Christmas here can be as intimate and as much a family Christmas as (inaudible)?

MRS. CLINTON: I don't know. I hope so. I mean, I think it will be different. I don't think there's any way to avoid that, but I think it also has the potential for being equally wonderful because of the beauty of the house and the feeling that you have being in this house. So I'm going to kind of look through it and -- I love what we've done so far.

I thought that, you know, the crafts collection and the angels theme for the decorations -- and we -- the people we've entertained so far got really -- kind of sparkled with the feelings that we're trying to create. So for me, it's been good. I've really enjoyed it.

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Q Christmas morning.

MRS. CLINTON: Mm-hmm.

Q Who gets up first?

MRS. CLINTON: Chelsea.

Q What do you have to eat Christmas?

MRS. CLINTON: We do presents before we do anything. Well, the President will plug in the coffee. That's what he's always done, you know, and so we have coffee, and we usually have some kind of bagels, sweet rolls, coffee cake, you know, something to nibble on. Like I said, when I was a child, it was day-old, usually burnt chocolate chip cookies that we'd made, and still ate.

And then we'll have a breakfast after we get all the presents opened and all of that, and it will be kind of a breakfast-brunch, you know, eggs, french toast, pancakes, things like that. I make great french toast according to my daughter.

Q What about Christmas night?

MRS. CLINTON: Christmas night, lots of times, we just eat leftovers, because we usually have our big dinner, you know, early in the afternoon. And lots of times on Christmas night we'll go out. We've gone to movies on Christmas night, we've gone to visit friends on Christmas night, we've gone to concerts. And this year we may go out as well. We haven't really focused on that, yet.

A PARTICIPANT: Last question.

A PARTICIPANT: (Inaudible) last question.

Q Last question.

MRS. CLINTON: She's tough.

A PARTICIPANT: Roll the dice (inaudible), Marion.

Q Well, this is -- it's a rather sad question, really. I mean, your father is not going to be here.

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MRS. CLINTON: Yes, it's going to be hard.

Q Yes.

MRS. CLINTON: And you know, I -- I think any time when you lose somebody in your family in the previous year, Christmas is sort of bittersweet, in a way. But because my whole family was together at Camp David over Thanksgiving, we spent a lot of time talking about our father, telling stories about him and -- you know, just sort of reminiscing together. And that was good. I was really glad we had a chance to do that.

But you know I think a lot about what we used to do Christmas, and the times we spent together, and yet -- him yelling at us to get out of the way while he put the tree up. I mean, all (inaudible) you can remember from your, you know, childhood, and then taking us all -- we always went skating with, you know, the family across the street, and the family down the block, and you know, we always would go ice skating on Christmas Day.

And one -- I'll never forget -- we came home from ice skating -- I think I got a new pair of skates when I was 10 years old, and I was taking off all my warm clothes and discovered I had chicken pox on Christmas Day. So that was a memorable Christmas. I was -- you know, can you -- you get off from school, and you're so excited, it's Christmas, and you go skating with your father and your friends, and your brothers, and come home and find out you have chicken pox. But you know, those are kind of (inaudible).

Q All right, I guess I can't ask any more questions, so I won't ask any more.

MRS. CLINTON: No more.

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