**Aides Conclude Clinton Must Disclose Whitewater Dealings**

By David Lauter and John M. Broder

WASHINGTON

Senior White House officials have concluded that President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton must abandon their insistence on withholding documents related to their involvement in the Whitewater real estate project and begin disclosing promptly after the president’s return from Europe, aides said Tuesday.

In a sign that Clinton may be ready to heed his aides’ advice, the president noted, in a televised interview Tuesday, that he had agreed earlier to cooperate with Justice Department investigators. “But people said that’s not enough, so I think we have to evaluate that and see where we are,” he said.

The aides, frustrated over the pounding the White House has taken on the issue, also said they increasingly believe Attorney General Janet Reno should appoint an independent prosecutor to look into allegations about Whitewater and the failure of the related Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan in Arkansas. Reno has opposed such a move so far, but it has been advocated by a growing number of senior Democrats in Congress.

Mrs. Clinton and members of the senior staff have met several times to discuss the issue in recent days, according to officials who say the first lady has modified her insistence that the papers are private and should not be released.

Some White House officials continue to argue that the president should resist calls to release the papers, saying the demands are politically motivated and that yielding would weaken him and the prerogatives of the presidency. But that camp appears to have dwindled in recent days as administration officials have watched steady criticism over the Clinton’s support within the capital.

The perception that the White House is trying to hide something has driven a raft of stories about Whitehouse water over since the disclosure, shortly before Christmas, that a file relating to the investigation had been in the office of White House lawyer Vincent Foster on the day he committed suicide and had been taken out of his office subsequently by White House counsel Bernard Nussbaum.

After some initial delay, the president agreed to turn over the file and related papers to Justice Department investigators but has refused to make them public. David Kendall, Clinton’s personal lawyer, negotiated with the Justice Department to allow the investigators to see a subpoena, a move aimed at preventing leaks.

Whitewater was a real estate development company in which the Clintons and at least a dozen other individuals had invested substantial sums. The real estate deal went sour, and the Clintons have said they lost $58,900.

**Salinas Calls for Negotiations, Truce with Southern Indians**

By Tracy Wilkinson

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President Carlos Salinas of Mexico’s government, struggling to turn down a deadly Indian rebellion in southern Mexico, stepped up his first public remarks, even suggesting he might consider what the Indians were willing to begin talks with.


**Ski Trip to Waterville Valley, NH!**

The first GSC ski trip this year will be on Saturday, January 29. Contact Stan Reiss (x3-6165, sjreiss@media) or the GSC office (x3-2195, gscadmin@mit) for more information.

**Orientation Committee**

Meeting this Thursday, January 13, at 5:30 pm in the GSC lounge (50-220) to finalize plans for spring orientation. Everyone is welcome. Dinner provided.

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There is a new support group for MIT women post-docs and graduate students forming this spring term. If interested, contact Holly Sweet (491-5733 or x3-7786) by February 1st for more information.