Additional Institute projects were too embryonic to permit full coverage in this publication, but a few are worth noting. As they come closer to fruition, details will appear on the Institute’s Web site, at http://law.wustl.edu/igls/index.html.

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- Plans are being laid for a two-part event on the subject of United States ratification of the proposed International Criminal Court. The ICC, which is the subject of an international convention adopted in Rome in 1998, is rapidly nearing the requisite number of ratifications. President Clinton signed the treaty for the United States on December 31, 2000, but Senate ratification is not imminent. Vigorous public discussion has focused on such subjects as the importance of bringing war criminals to trial before an impartial tribunal, ways to best ensure fair and effective procedures in politically charged settings, the potential exposure of American troops and top government officials to criminal prosecution, and the role of the United States in shaping the rules and operations of the new court. The faculty organizer for this event is Professor Leila Nadya Sadat, a prominent authority on international criminal law and the ICC in particular. (See her faculty activities summary on page 30.) At press time, the tentative plan is to hold a two-person debate in October 2001 and to follow it with a full-fledged conference at a later date. Both the debate and the conference will be held at the Washington University School of Law. The Institute will co-sponsor the events with the United Nations Association of the USA.

- Through the generous volunteer efforts of Charlene Bry, publisher of the Ladue News, and of several other friends of Washington University, the Institute for Global Legal Studies will soon begin a “salon series.” Working together, we shall arrange for Washington University faculty and other experts to lead discussions in the homes of gracious volunteer hosts. The idea is to stimulate discussion and provide a meaningful service to a broader public, while encouraging more widespread community involvement in the work of the Institute.

- We are currently discussing, with the St. Louis Chapter of the American Red Cross, plans for a humanitarian law project. The goal is for Red Cross experts to train volunteer students from our law school in the tenets of international humanitarian law, so that these students can then teach the subject in area high schools. This is a project in which everyone wins: The Red Cross furthers its educational mission on issues of humanitarian law, the law students receive additional training and the opportunity to experience teaching, the high school students profit from the stimulation and the knowledge, and the public profits as future adults become sensitized to issues of fundamental human rights and the rule of law.