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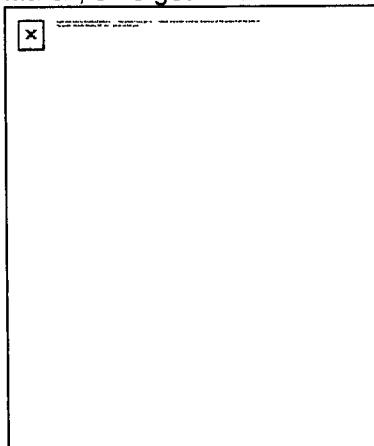
Catty Carla Bruni lifts lid on Michelle Obama's 'hellish' job

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Michelle Obama thinks being America's First Lady is 'hell', Carla Bruni reveals today in a wildly indiscreet new book. Miss Bruni reveals that Mrs Obama replied when asked about her position as the U.S. president's wife: 'Don't ask! It's hell. I can't stand it!'

Details of the private conversation, which took place at the White House during an official visit by Nicolas Sarkozy last March, emerged in *Carla And The Ambitious*, a book written in collaboration with Miss Bruni.



No secrets: Michelle Obama, left, and Carla Bruni last year. Bruni made the revelations about the U.S. First Lady's feelings in a wildly indiscreet new book

In it, she says one term as French president 'will be enough' for her husband and suggests he might take tips from his friend Tony Blair: 'Why not start making money?'

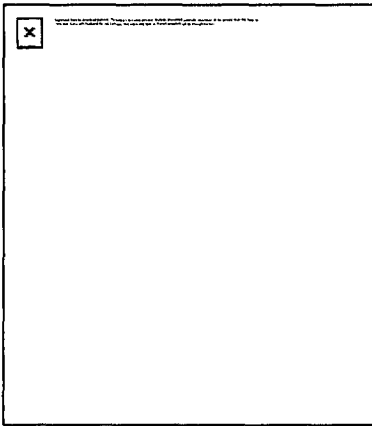
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According to a friend quoted in the book, the Sarkozys have been 'impressed and inspired' by Mr Blair's fortune built up since he left Downing Street.

Miss Bruni also takes a thinly veiled swipe at Princess Diana when talking about a visit to an African hospital full of Aids victims earlier this year.

She says she refused requests by French cameramen for a photograph of her carrying a baby in her arms 'like Lady Di', adding: 'There's something obscene in promoting yourself when you are giving of yourself.'



Time limit: Carla with husband Nicolas Sarkozy. She claims one term as French president will be enough for him



Disagreements: Sarkozy with former wife Cecilia in 2006. Carla recounts a telephone row with her in her new book. In the book, the Italian model 42, accuses French government officials of trying to 'kill' her husband with too much work, and claims Mr Sarkozy lets himself be 'bullied' into complying. Comparing herself to other leaders' wives, Miss Bruni says: 'I'm so different. I was a model. I sing, and I want to continue to sing. And on top of that you expect me to be subtle?' And she admits: 'I am a femme fatale, my dear.' She also recounts a telephone row with Mr Sarkozy's ex-wife Cecilia, who warned her that Mr Sarkozy had 'not yet turned a new page' after their marriage. Miss Bruni replied: 'Not only has he turned a page but he's changed books altogether. And you are the only person on earth not to have noticed it.'

Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/worldnews/article-1312462/Michelle-Obama-thinks-First-Lady-hell-says-Carla-Bruni.html#ixzz0zf4aSfQi>