

Bill Clinton barnstorms rural America

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WASHINGTON -- Former President Bill Clinton will likely remain out of the big-city limelight as he campaigns for his wife, political analysts said Tuesday. CBSNews.com said Clinton's role in the home stretch of the Democratic nomination race has been redefined as one in which he brings his stature and celebrity to smaller cities and rural areas where he is less likely to cause controversy or overshadow Hillary Clinton. "He's certainly been a negative at times on the macro political stage, but in micro and personal campaign there's none better," Democratic analyst Larry Ceisler said. "She's lucky to have him." Democratic Consultant Steve Jarding said the former president's personality appeals to rural Americans. CBSNews.com said Bill Clinton has acknowledged his lower-profile role, joking that he is now the "rural hitman" for the campaign.

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