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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR: PETER SORUM
FROM: SUSAN PORTER
SUBJECT: Action Memo

Mrs. Ford has accepted the following out-of-house invitation:

EVENT: Drop-by for Coffee
GROUP: Republican Congressional Wives
DATE: Wednesday, January 22, 1975
TIME: 11:00 a.m. (their meeting begins at 10:00)
PLACE: Capitol Hill Club
301 First Street, Southeast
CONTACT: Mrs. Mark Hatfield
229-6039 (Home)
229-0330 (Her Office)
COMMENTS: This is the first meeting of the Republican Congressional Wives. The seven new members will be welcomed. From 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. they will have coffee and sweet rolls. Starting at 10:30 they will begin the introductions of the new members with brief welcoming remarks by Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Rhodes. Mrs. Ford, of course, has been a member of this organization since the 81st Congress. She will drop by around 11:00 and mingle informally. Because the organization has done a press release which states this meeting is open to the press, I think this will definitely need at least a mini-advance.

Thank you.

c: BF Staff
Red Cavaney
Warren Rustand
Bill Nicholson
Max Friedersdorf
Jack Marsh
Staircase
Rex Scouten

January 20, 1975

Susan P. F.Y.I.

REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL WIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 8, 1975

Dear New and Active GOP Congressional Wives:

We wish to add our welcome to Washington, D. C.,
and to extend our invitation before your many activities
commence.

"Our Club is the one that has gone before ---."
It is made up exclusively of Republican Congressional
Wives who meet once a month.

94th Congress - First Meeting
January 22, 1975 - Wednesday at 10 a.m.
Capitol Hill Club - 300 1st Street, S. E.
Phone: 484-4590

Official Hostesses: Marian Scott - Wife of Senator
Hugh Scott - Senate Leader
Betty Rhodes - Wife of Congress-
man John Rhodes, House
Leader

New members present will be assisted by active
members with introduction and orientation.

Meeting all of you will be a pleasure.

Sincerely,

Loni
224-312, office
Antoinette Hatfield
President

NEWS RELEASE

For release:

JANUARY 17, 1975

Press Contacts: 547-1112

~~MRS. JERRY L. PETTIS~~
~~MRS. JACK F. KEMP~~

Mrs. William Steiger
Mrs. Charles Thone

EDITOR'S NOTE: OPEN TO THE PRESS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Republican Congressional Wives will form a welcoming committee Wednesday, January 22, 1975, to greet and introduce to Washington the wives of the new Republican Members of Congress.

Honored guests at the Welcome to Washington will be: Mrs. William F. Goodling, Jacobs, Pa.; Mrs. Richard T. Schultze, Malvern, Pa.; Mrs. Thomas N. Kindness, Hamilton, Ohio; Mrs. Willis D. Gradison, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Jim Jeffords, Montpelier, Vermont; Mrs. Tom Hagedorn, Truman, Minn.; Mrs. Charles Grassley, New Hartford, Iowa; Mrs. George Hansen, Pocatello, Idaho; Mrs. Henry Hyde, Park Ridge, Ill.; Mrs. Richard Kelley, Tarpon Springs, Fla.; Mrs. W. Henson Moore III, Baton Rouge, La.; and Mrs. Jake Garn, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Special hostesses for the morning coffee-reception at the Capitol Hill Club will be Mrs. Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania and Mrs. John Rhodes of Arizona, wives of the Republican leaders of the Senate and House.

President of the GOP Congressional Wives for the new year is Antoinette Hatfield, wife of Sen. Mark Hatfield of Oregon. The organization which is composed of Republican Wives of the Members of the U.S. House and Senate meets monthly at the Capitol Hill Club from January to June of each year.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 20, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: NANCY HOWE
VIA: RED CAVANEY *RC*
FROM: PETER SORUM *PS*
SUBJECT: MRS. FORD'S DROP-BY AT THE
REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL
WIVES NEW MEMBERS COFFEE
Capitol Hill Club
Wednesday, January 22, 1975

Attached at TAB A is the Proposed Schedule for Mrs. Ford's drop-by at the Republican Congressional Wives New Member Coffee.

APPROVE _____ DISAPPROVE _____

BACKGROUND

This is the first meeting of the Republican Congressional Wives to welcome wives of the new Members of the 94th Congress. Mrs. Ford has been a member of this organization since the 81st Congress. While the press release announcing the event lists ten honorees, the officers indicate that only four will attend since the others have not moved to Washington as yet.

The meeting begins with a Continental Breakfast at 10:00 am and will have a very informal program of welcome beginning at 10:30 am. They have asked that Mrs. Ford offer brief remarks and mingle with the members. The press has been invited.

OFFICIAL PHOTO COVERAGE

The Committee has requested that a White House photographer be present to take individual photographs of Mrs. Ford with each new member.

APPROVE _____

DISAPPROVE _____

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

MRS. FORD'S DROP-BY
AT THE REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL WIVES
NEW MEMBERS COFFEE

Capitol Hill Club
Wednesday, January 22, 1975

10:50 am Mrs. Ford boards motorcade on South Grounds.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route
Capitol Hill Club.

[Driving time: 9 minutes]

10:59am MOTORCADE ARRIVES Capitol Hill Club.

Mrs. Ford will be met by:

Mrs. Hugh (Marian) Scott

Mrs. John (Betty) Rhodes

Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Rhodes,
proceeds to the Private Dining Room #4 and pauses
for announcement.

11:02 am Mrs. Ford enters Dining Room and takes her seat.

11:03 am Mrs. Clark MacGregor (Barbara) introduces
Mrs. Ford for brief remarks.

11:05 am Mrs. Ford's remarks.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

ATTENDANCE: 60

11:08 am Remarks conclude.

11:08 am Mrs. Antoinette Hatfield thanks Mrs. Ford
for attending and invites everyone to mingle
informally.

11:09 am

Mrs. Ford greets the honorees:

Mrs. George Hansen (Connie), Idaho
Mrs. Richard Kelley (Lorraine), Florida
Mrs. W. Henson Moore, III (Carolyn), Louisiana
Mrs. Jake Garn (Hazel), Utah

11:25 am

Mrs. Ford departs Dining Room en route motorcade
for boarding.

11:26 am

MOTORCADE DEPARTS Capitol Hill Club en route
South Grounds.

[Driving time: 9 minutes]

11:35 am

MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.

~~Conv. Wives~~
New Intro. by

Mrs. F. D. [unclear] (1)
remarks

Small fact on
Mrs. Barbara
McGregor -
wildest,
wittiest,
Washingtonian
B. McG.

Vinette
with know

Ruth
(Minnesota)

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Ruthie "Rt. on the Nose"

Ladies & Gentlemen Pres. of the U.S.

Most deparnt ex. of what 1st lady
Za Se - Reminds her of her

cat - Faithful, loving - Betty

has sense of humor - not sure if
cat does. Proven to be

extra special. Who else ~~would believe~~
husband

1961 1st met at Corp. Dinner

meter man

- I don't know ~~how~~ what team you're
on b I sure hope you'll win.

So 1st meetings; opening meetings the
most fun - poem; vinette on each. Amaze
me to assqued talent we never knew



For immediate release
Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

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used to meet at ⁽²⁾ Freeling's house at
beginning. Wanted to recollect some
her experiences - goes back -
Started off as social grp to get
to know each other. As republican wives,
not that political; democratic wives,
were political. For lunates, we've
recamped our style. More political
a state now. Neelyahan we have to
know what our husbands are doing.
It wait long enough - why he's
doing it that way. Jerry I
don't know; you're way of the
been. If you don't agree w Pres,
gives him a little insecurity.

Breakfast meeting - for Eisenhower.
Pancake Breakfast at Bass' home.
Her recipe for pancakes - Ben Papers
newly biscuit - Betty Ford's Butternut
pancakes. Turned out to be special
day. ~~The~~ always used to be on time
for name tags - All Jr. members to
be on that day. Have to know name & face.

LOVERCA Dirksen's place she remembers.
No money to me ~~as~~ need - sit it - more money
No need dues went up in the career.

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Had everyone over - Good social
meeting & her place. We live
in Alexandria in small place -
Thursday, cold day packed in
little, biting house - had to eat
bedroom, everywhere. When we
finally got together - we decided
the togetherness the best thing that had
happen. These are memories some of
you don't remember -

I realize to not here have usual
pros - what to do w children, take
time out of school. takes

We welcome you want you to
know how it you are. Want you
to know how it every member of
~~Congress~~ here is. Many retired:

We are the heart beat of the Republican
Party. You are the wife of the
district you rep. or wife of former -
still it - you are the person who has
to stand behind husband & help you
children. unhappy at times the

way traps are going.

Never talk of yourself as 2nd class
In My mind you're 1st class

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is class citizens,
1st class wives

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A feather - I hope it now I'm ~~keeping~~
living in borrowed

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You may have to borrow bag it -
My husband says I have to cut down
If you don't mind

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Suggestions: remarks for Republican Congressional Wives

I'm delighted to be here today. I remember my first year as in Washington so vividly ... It was not only my first year as a congressional wife, but my first year as Jerry's wife period! If you think that year wasn't something!

I think all of us have very poignant memories of our first years here ... maintaining two homes, two sets of friends, and really -- two lives. Getting adjusted to being pulled in a thousand different directions. Trying to make things easier for our husbands and for many of you, trying to help your children adjust as well. Somehow, though, it all pulls together, and all of a sudden you're a part of the community here. You never know, of course, if you're going to be here two years or six or 26. But all of a sudden you wake up and find that even though you thought 'home' was Grand Rapids^{or Des Moines or Winnetka} -- and in many ways still is -- the fact is that your children are grown, and they did most of their growing here in the D. C. area. So it's very important to make yourself a part of the community here as well as maintaining your ties to your district.

I have a very soft spot in my heart for this organization. The Republican Congressional Wives has given me some of my closest friends and some of my warmest memories -- and I think does much to introduce new congressional wives to Washington. Altogether there is a very nice feel among our Republican family here in Washington and I think that adds to the camaraderie and community feeling throughout the Capitol.

To those of you who are new, let me join in welcoming you to Washington and hoping you'll let me help if there's a way I can. And for those of you here I've known longer -- I love being here again and can't wait for the chance to talk over coffee! Thank you.

re Republican Congressional Wives

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Mrs. Ford,

This is technically the meeting to welcome new wives. But there are only 11 new ones (ouch!) and of those, only two are coming for sure (moving and weather problems). I only mention this because it might be appropriate to direct only part of your remarks to the new ones, and the rest to the group in general.

Also: I did not include any kind of rah-rah-work-for-the-Party message in my suggestions because the wives seem to be particularly battle weary this year and not really 'up' for that type of thing.

On the other hand, hate to have the press emphasize the 'it was a bad year for the Republicans and there are only 11 new wives' theme -- so tried to end on an upbeat, 'we have a close Republican family here' type of thing.

As in the past, it's a very informal coffee, and while I realize you won't want notes, thought the attached might provide ideas if you're looking for them.

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EPA Emission Standards

ABC reported that General Motors officials testifying at Environmental Protection Agency hearings on auto emission controls said that unless the automakers are granted five-year delay in complying with the standards, 1977 model cars will suffer a 16 per cent loss in fuel economy.

Jules Bergman said a government report admitted that the automakers can comply with Ford's request for 40 per cent improvement in gas mileage without sacrificing future clean air standards. However, that improvement will increase by 10 per cent the price of every new car, Bergman said.

"What we are seeing is a battle shaping up with the Congress skeptical that Clean Air Act improvements have to be suspended to achieve 40 per cent mileage improvement and also asking why not more smaller, lighter weight autos to save even more gasoline," Bergman said.

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New Hampshire Acts on Durkin-Wyman Deadlock

CBS reported that the New Hampshire legislature voted to provide for a new election contest between Lewis Wyman and John Durkin in the event the U.S. Senate fails to make a decision on which man to seat.

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Anti-Abortion Rally at Capitol

Sen. James Buckley (C., N.Y.) Wednesday joined anti-abortion forces at the Capitol to protest the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion, NBC/CBS reported. An estimated 25,000 persons were present to hear clergy and congressmen speak on the issue, NBC reported.

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Mrs. Ford Entertains GOP Wives

CBS's Susan Peterson reported that Mrs. Ford drew on her own 25 years of experience to advise GOP congressional wives on how to handle politicians.

Mrs. Ford (on film) said: "It is important for us to know what our husbands are doing and why they are doing it...and sometimes I wonder why mine is." She said that even as the wife of the President, she hesitates to ask.