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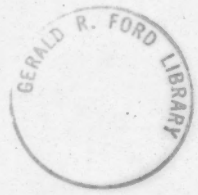
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 12, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: PATTI MATSON
FROM: SUSAN PORTER
SUBJECT: Action Memo

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

EVENT: Luncheon
GROUP: Given by Mrs. Hugh Scott
DATE: Monday, November 18, 1974
TIME: 12:30 p.m.
PLACE: S-207, Capitol
CONTACT: Senator Scott's Office, 225-6324



I have spoken with Mrs. Scott, and she is delighted Mrs. Ford will attend. She said she is entertaining lots of the ladies she has been wanting to entertain for some time, Senate wives, etc. I see this basically as a private occasion, but I expect a "mini-advance" would be useful. There may be some good photo opportunities (Mrs. Scott greeting Mrs. Ford?).

Thank you.

- c: BF Staff
- Warren Rustand
- Staircase
- Rex Scouten
- Advance Office
- William Timmons

DEAR FRIENDS

A WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL AND ESPECIALLY TO OUR DEAR FIRST LADY.

WHEN I DECIDED TO GIVE THIS PARTY, I THOUGHT OF WHO SHOULD BE MY HONORED GUESTS.

I DECIDED YOU ALL ARE: ^{some of you are} WIVES OF THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, ^{some of you are} WIVES OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LANDS ACROSS THE SEA, FRIENDS ~~IN~~ THE SUPREME COURT, THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THE PRESS AND THOSE IN OTHER FIELDS IN WASHINGTON ARE ALL ^{of you are} MY GUESTS OF HONOR TODAY.

I PICKED THE THEME OF THANKSGIVING BECAUSE IT IS SO NEAR OUR NATIONAL HOLIDAY AND ^{when I did} ~~AS~~ ^{said} SOMEONE REMARKED ~~TO ME~~ ^{in the words} "WHAT HAVE THE REPUBLICANS TO BE THANKFUL FOR?" ^{yes} WE WERE CLOBBERED ALL RIGHT! BUT WE ARE STILL ALIVE AND KICKING, THOSE ^{of us} WHO ARE LEFT!

^{and} WE ARE PARTICULARLY THANKFUL FOR OUR PRESIDENT FORD AND I KNOW ~~HE~~ WILL BE THANKFUL WHEN HE GETS A VICE PRESIDENT! I WISH OUR HUSBANDS WOULD HURRY IT UP! WE ARE THANKFUL THAT OUR BETTY IS WELL AGAIN. WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO HAVE SERVED SO LONG AND WELL ^{on both sides of the aisle} AND REGRET THE DEPARTURE OF THOSE WHO ARE LEAVING, BUT WE APPRECIATE THE SERVICE THEY HAVE GIVEN TO THEIR COUNTRY.

THANKSGIVING IS A UNIQUE AMERICAN CUSTOM AND PERHAPS SOME OF YOU DO NOT KNOW ITS DERIVATION. WHEN THE FIRST SETTLERS CAME TO NEW ENGLAND, THEY WERE MET BY FRIENDLY INDIANS. THEY BUILT THEIR LITTLE LOG HOMES, THEY PLANTED THEIR SMALL CROPS OF PUMPKINS AND CORN AND SHOT THE WILD TURKEY. A YEAR WENT BY AND ONE DAY WAS SET ASIDE TO GIVE THANKS FOR THEIR SURVIVAL IN THIS NEW WORLD. THAT IS WHY IT IS CUSTOMARY TO HAVE TURKEY AND PUMPKIN PIE ON THANKSGIVING!

These people first set ~~they~~ foot on a big rock

AMONG THE PEOPLE WHO CAME ON THE GOOD SHIP MAYFLOWER WAS A WOMAN NAMED PRISCILLA AND TWO MEN WHO WERE IN LOVE WITH HER. ONE WAS A SHY MAN NAMED MILES STANDISH. THE OTHER WAS A FRIEND OF HIS NAMED JOHN ALDEN. WE AMERICANS WERE ALL BROUGHT UP ON THIS STORY. MILES ASKED JOHN TO BE HIS GO-BETWEEN TO ASK FOR PRISCILLA'S HAND. PRISCILLA MUST HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE FIRST WOMEN TO EXERT HER WOMAN'S LIBERATION RIGHTS WHEN SHE SAID TO JOHN, "WHY DON'T YOU SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, JOHN?" SO HE DID, SHE ACCEPTED AND I HOPE THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER!

AS THE PILGRIMS SURVIVED AND HELPED TO BUILD THIS NATION, SO AS THE PILGRIMS SURVIVED AND HELPED TO BUILD THIS NATION, SO SHALL WE ALL SURVIVE IN THIS TROUBLED WORLD. THE TWO PARTY SYSTEM SURVIVES, EVEN IF IT IS A BIT ONE SIDED AT THE MOMENT! OUR MEN ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE AND YOUR MEN FROM OVERSEAS WILL WORK TOGETHER FOR THE BETTERMENT OF ALL.

THANK YOU FOR COMING AND MAY WE ALL MEET SOON AGAIN.