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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 18, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MRS. FORD

VIA:

RED CAVANEY *Rayen*

FROM:

JACK WILLIAMS *JW*

SUBJECT:

YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE
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CONGRESS DINNER
Washington Hilton Hotel
Wednesday, November 19, 1975

Attached at TAB A is the Proposed Schedule for the subject event

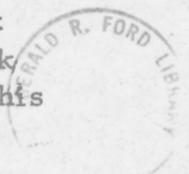
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Washington Hilton Hotel
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[Driving time: 15 minutes]

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PRESS POOL COVERAGE
CLOSED ARRIVAL

Mrs. Ford will be met by:
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Fund for a Representative Congress
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Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mr. Jackson and Mr.
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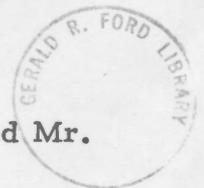
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MEMORANDUM TO: PETER SORUM
FROM: SUSAN PORTER
SUBJECT: Action Memo

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

EVENT: Drop-by Reception Preceding Dinner

GROUP: Fund for a Representative Congress

DATE: Wednesday, November 19, 1975

TIME: Reception - 6:30 p.m.
Dinner - 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Washington Hilton Hotel, Cabinet Room for Reception

CONTACT: Mr. Willie Mason, Dinner Chairman
O: 659-9675
H: 723-6161



COMMENTS: Mrs. Ford is serving with Senator Edward Brooke as national honorary co-chairman of this dinner being held on November 19th. The dinner will honor Black elected Republican mayors, city council members and state legislators and will feature Vice President Rockefeller as speaker. Mrs. Ford will drop by the reception around 6:45 (or as you determine; the reception begins at 6:30) and will stay about 15 minutes and then return to the White House as she and the President have pending personal plans that evening.

The Council of 100-An Organization of Black Republicans, which is an organization of Black Republicans, has established the Fund for a Representative Congress-A Fund to Elect Black

Republicans to Congress in accordance with the 1974 Federal Election Campaign Laws. The Fund is a multi-candidate campaign fund that will encourage Black Republicans to run for Congress by contributing to their campaign in accordance with applicable federal laws. (There are currently no Black Republicans in Congress). The file is attached.

Thank you.

c: BF Staff
Red Cavaney
William Nicholson
Gwen Anderson
Philip Buchen
Robert Hartmann
Jack Calkins
Max Friedersdorf
Rex Scouten
Staircase



November 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: GWEN ANDERSON

FROM: SUSAN PORTER

May I please have your assessment of Mrs. Ford's dropping by this dinner sponsored by the Fund for a Representative Congress on November 19th? Vice President Rockefeller will be the speaker. Mrs. Ford will be serving as Honorary Co-Chairman along with Senator Brooke. Wasn't there some concern on your part in connection with the Republican National Committee? Is there anyone else whose views we should seek? Can you please get back to me right away?

// Not NOW.
G.A.

Thank you.

Gwen:

Good to drop-by this.



Fund for a Representative Congress

A Fund to Elect Black Republicans to Congress

November 11, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford:

On behalf of the Fund for A Representative Congress, let me express our appreciation to you for serving as national co-chairman along with Senator Edward Brooke for the dinner to be held on November 19th at which the Vice President will be the speaker.

It is our desire that you attend the VIP reception and bring greetings to the dinner. As you know, we are expecting an audience of approximately 2,000 people. The reception will be in the Cabinet Room of the Washington Hilton Hotel and will commence at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. I will call your staff later this week to discuss your availability to attend this affair. Your gracious support of this dinner has aided our efforts immensely to expand Black participation in the Republican Party. We are confident that the Party and nation will benefit from the results of this dinner.

Sincerely,

Samuel C. Jackson
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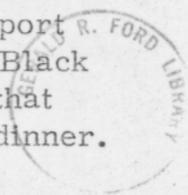
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The White House
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✓ BF's up to drop by reception
✓ Gold Sam Jackson

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For Immediate Release
Tuesday, November 18, 1975

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

Mrs. Ford will drop-by the VIP reception sponsored by the Council of 100-- an Organization of Black Republicans, November 19 at 6:45 PM at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Mrs. Ford will be met by Mr. Samuel C. Jackson, Chairman, Council of 100-- an Organization of Black Republicans, and Mr. Willie C. Mason, a founder of the Council and Dinner Chairman. They will then proceed into the Cabinet Room where Mrs. Ford will meet with officers, directors, and honorary trustees of the Council and elected black officials.

The Council's primary purpose is to elect black officials from across the country. The Council is sponsoring this dinner (which will become an annual event) as a Salute to elected black republican officials and as a kick-off for their 1975-1976 fundraising year.

Mrs. Ford and Senator Edward Brooke (Mass.) are honorary Co-Chairmen of the dinner.

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