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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 2, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: RED CAVANEY

FROM: SUSAN PORTER

SUBJECT: Mrs. Ford's Participation in the President's Drop-by of the AHEPA Dinner, Monday, April 5, 1976

As we discussed by phone, Mrs. Ford would like -- unless she is super tired from her day of campaigning in Wisconsin -- to join the President on his drop-by to the AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) Dinner to be held at the Washington Hilton. The Fords have attended this event through the years and feel warmly toward the organization.

Mrs. Ford had been invited to attend a separate reception in the afternoon given by the Daughters of Penelope, the auxiliary of AHEPA, at which time they wish to present her with their "Salute To Women" Award. Because her campaigning in Wisconsin will not permit her to accept the award at the reception, they would like to present it to her that evening. The initial invitation was extended by Elizabeth Athanasakos, the former Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope, and the award will probably be presented by Katharine Caravasios, the current Grand President. The file is attached.

Thank you.

c: BF Staff  
Peter Sorum  
Terry O'Donnell  
William Nicholson  
Jeanne Davis  
Jeanne Holm  
Myron Kuropas  
Rex Scouten  
Staircase



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 10, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: SUSAN PORTER  
FROM: MYRON B. ~~PRO~~ROPAS  
THROUGH: WILLIAM J. BAROODY, JR.  
SUBJECT: MEETING WITH DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE.

The Daughters of Penelope was founded in 1929 and has a national membership of approximately 13,000 members. Affiliated with the Order of AHEPA, it is a highly respected and active organization in the Greek community.

There has been a great deal of adverse publicity in the Greek press concerning the Cyprus situation and for that reason a White House coffee with Mrs. Ford and organizational leaders would be very desirable.

We support accepting the invitation issued by Elizabeth Athanasakos, a very influential person in her own right and a former Grand President.

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H accept award*

*as photo*



March 2, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT  
WILLIAM BAROODY

FROM: SUSAN PORTER

May I have your comments on the attached request by the Daughters of Penelope. They would like to be received at the White House. May I have your assessment of the organization and their request to be received?

Thank you.



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Susan -

My feeling is this  
might be a good one -  
better audience would  
perhaps come from Donald  
Scaevall & Bill Bundy.  
Betty is a judge and  
a very fine person -  
Please advise -

Marie



*Elizabeth Athanasakos*  
*Attorney at Law*

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February 25, 1976

Ms. Maria Downs  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Maria,

I thought it best to contact you by letter for the purpose of obtaining certain information that I require within a short period of time. The Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope has appointed me to chair the forthcoming "Salute To Women" to be held on April 5, 1976. That is the same date that the Order of AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) will have its biennial banquet saluting the members of Congress. It has been announced that the Premier of Greece, Mr. Constantine Caramanlis, will be receiving the Socratic Award that evening. The Daughters of Penelope in 1970 initiated its program "Salute To Women". The recipient of its first award was Senator Margaret Chase Smith. Two years ago the function was held at Decatur House.

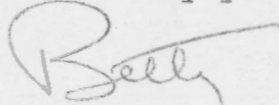
This year I would like to plan something very special. If it is at all possible to arrange a coffee at the White House, I would like to do so for many reasons, the main one being to counteract some of the adverse publicity being brought forth between some of those of Greek descent and the Administration. In addition, if it is at all possible for Mrs. Ford to be present, we would like to honor her as the recipient of our award. In addition it is our plan to invite other outstanding women in the administration to join in the salute. If it is not possible to arrange this at the White House, then I would like to know whether it can be held at the Blair House or perhaps we can go back to the Decatur House if it is available. We realize that there is a cost involved, and if you would give us some indication what this cost would be, I can make final arrangements. The time would be left to you as to the availability of Mrs. Ford.



Ms. Maria Downs  
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Since much time has elapsed since I starting working on this project, time is of the essence at this point. I will be in Washington, D. C., on Thursday and Friday, February 26th and 27th and will be available to meet with you or talk with you especially on Friday afternoon, February 27th. I may be reached through the I.W.Y. Secretariat at the State Department (632-8888). I hope that we will be able to work this out.

Sincerely yours,



Elizabeth Athanasakos

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*Elizabeth Athanasakos*  
*Attorney at Law*

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4/5/76  
12:00 Noon

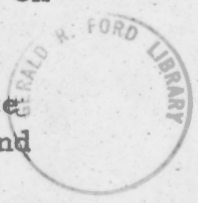
PROPOSED SCHEDULE

THE PRESIDENT & MRS. FORD'S DROP-BY AT THE  
BICENTENNIAL CONGRESSIONAL DINNER  
OF THE ORDER OF AMERICAN HELLENIC  
EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

Washington Hilton Hotel  
Monday, April 5, 1976  
Attire: Black Tie  
(For Head Table only)

9:54 pm The President and Mrs. Ford board motorcade on  
South Grounds.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route  
Washington Hilton Hotel, Connecticut Avenue and  
T Street, N. W.



[Driving time: 6minutes]

10:00 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Washington Hilton Hotel.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL

The President & Mrs. Ford will be met by:  
Mr. William G. Chirgotis, Supreme President,  
Order of AHEPA  
Mr. Peter N. Derzis, Supreme Vice President,  
Order of AHEPA  
Mr. Charles Papuchis, Banquet Chairman  
Mr. Earl McDonough, General Manager of  
Washington Hilton Hotel

The President and Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mr. Chirgotis,  
Mr. Derzis, & Mr. Papuchis, proceed inside Washington  
Hilton Hotel to holding room via elevator.



- 10:02 pm The President and Mrs. Ford arrive holding room.
- 10:03 pm The President and Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mr. Chirgotis, Mr. Derzis, & Mr. Papuchis, depart holding room en route off-stage announcement area.
- 10:04 pm Announcement.
- 10:04 pm The President and Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mr. Chirgotis, Mr. Derzis, & Mr. Papuchis, proceed onto International Ballroom stage and take their seats.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 1,200

- 10:05 pm Introduction of the President by Mr. Nick Smyrnis, Chairman, Board of Trustees, AHEPA.
- 10:05 pm Presidential remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

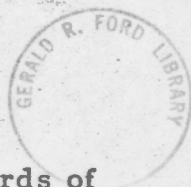
- 10:20 pm Remarks conclude.
- The President returns to his seat.

- 10:20 pm Presentation of the 1976 Socratic Awards of AHEPA to the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives by Mr. Chirgotis and Mr. George Vournas.

NOTE: Sen. Eagleton & Rep. Fascell will accept on behalf of the Congress with responses. The President is not expected to participate in the presentation.

- 10:30 pm Presentation concludes.
- 10:30 pm Presentation of the "Salute to Women" Award of the Daughters of Penelope, AHEPA, to Mrs. Ford by Mrs. Katherine Caravasios, Grand President, Grand Lodge-Daughters of Penelope.

NOTE: Mrs. Ford is not expected to respond.



Mr. Smyrnis thanks the President & Mrs. Ford.

10:32 pm The President and Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mr. Chirgotis, & Mrs. Papuchis, depart stage and proceed en route motorcade for boarding.

10:36 pm The President and Mrs. Ford bid farewell to Mr. Chirgotis & Mrs. Papuchis and board motorcade.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS Washington Hilton Hotel en route South Grounds.

[Driving time: 6 minutes]

10:42 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.



THE  
DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE



FOURTH BIENNIEL

"SALUTE TO WOMEN"

*Katherine G. Carstairs  
Grand President*

Jefferson West Room  
Washington Hilton Hotel  
Washington, D. C.

Monday, April 5, 1976



**THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE**  
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# Order of Ahepa

## ***Bicentennial Congressional Banquet***

Washington Hilton Hotel  
Washington, D. C.

April 5, 1976





AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF

**AHEPA**

Founded July 26, 1922

*Twenty-Second National Banquet*

in honor of the

*94th Congress of the United States*

Monday, April 5, 1976

Washington Hilton Hotel

Washington, D.C.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE ORDER OF AHEPA

### PREAMBLE

We, American citizens of Hellenic descent, desiring to form, institute and perpetuate a fraternal Order and promote its objects and principles; to effect a perfect and harmonious understanding between ourselves and others; to inculcate loyalty and patriotism to and for the country in which we live; to stimulate the spirit of good fellowship and cooperation; and to aid in the solution of social and civil problems, do hereby establish and ordain this Constitution.

### OBJECTS

The Order of Ahepa, and every member thereof, shall always strive to teach, exemplify and achieve, the following Objects, Principles and Ideals:

To promote and encourage loyalty to the United States of America; allegiance to its flag; support to its Constitution; obedience to its laws and reverence for its history and traditions;

To instruct its members, by precepts and examples, in the tenets and fundamental principles of government, and in the recognition and respect of the inalienable rights of mankind;

To instill in every one of its members a due appreciation of the privileges of citizenship, and the sacred duties attendant therewith; and to encourage its members to always be profoundly interested and actively participating in the political, civic, social and commercial fields of human endeavor, and always to strive for the betterment of society;

To awaken in every member an abhorrence of all political corruption—the destroyer of free institutions—and pledge its members to do their utmost to stamp out from this country every trace and influence of this evil;

To arouse mankind to the realization that tyranny, wherever it may exercise its baneful power, is a menace to the life, property, prosperity, honor and integrity of every nation; and that the preservation of our liberties can be assured, only as this country becomes the Champion of Liberty and the Defender and Protector of all oppressed and downtrodden peoples;

To promote throughout the world, and especially in the United States of America, a better and more comprehensive understanding of the Hellenic Peoples and Nation, and to revive, cultivate, enrich and marshal into active service for Humanity the noblest attributes and highest ideal of true Hellenism;

To labor in every manner possible, and to utilize every means available for the perfection of the moral sense in its members; to promote good fellowship among them; to endow them with a spirit of altruism, common understanding, mutual benevolence and helpfulness; and to point out to them, in unmistakable methods, the advantages of education, the beauties of sacrifice and the deformities of selfishness;

To champion the cause of education; to support the American system of public schools and keep them free from religious prejudice; to promote and augment the educational advantages of this country; and to open, establish and maintain new channels for facilitating the dissemination of culture and learning; and

To resist, by lawful means and methods, any tendency towards a union between the civil Government and any church or religion, and to repel the interference of any religion in governmental affairs.

## Welcome

We rejoice that our 22nd Ahepa Biennial National Banquet in honor of the 94th Congress of the United States coincides with the American Revolution Bicentennial — our nation's 200th anniversary.

The Order of Ahepa, with more than half a century of service at home and abroad and dedicated to the highest principles proclaimed by the Constitution of the United States of America, and to the objects of our Fraternity extends a warm welcome to the members of Congress, to our distinguished guests and to all of you who have come to our nation's capital to join together in commemorating this event of dual significance.

WILLIAM G. CHIRGOTIS

*Supreme President*



## *Dinner Menu*

Cream of Almond Soup

Broiled Filet Mignon

Sauce Perigourdine

Broccoli with Herbed Breadcrumbs

Potato Boulangere

Achaia-clauss Demestica Red Wine

Salad au suisse

Oil and Vinegar Dressing

Gateaux Glace Maison

Brandied Peaches

Coffee

## *Program*

### RENDITION

The Star Spangled Banner

Chrissellene Petropoulos

Ode to Liberty

Chad Prodromos

### INVOCATION

His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos

### WELCOME

Charles J. Papuchis, Chairman

### TOASTMASTER

Nick Smyrnis

Chairman, Board of Trustees

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Mrs. Katherine Caravasios

Grand President, Daughters of Penelope

The Honorable Martin A. Russo

U.S. Representative from Illinois

The Honorable G. William Whitehurst

U.S. Representative from Virginia

His Excellency Menelas Alexandrakis

Ambassador of Greece to the United States

The Honorable Robert Taft, Jr.

U.S. Senator from Ohio

The Honorable Claiborne Pell

U.S. Senator from Rhode Island

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford

President of the United States of America

### PRESENTATION

The Bicentennial Socratic Award

of the ORDER OF AHEPA

Presented to the

U.S. Senate and the

U.S. House of Representatives

Accepting: The Honorable Thomas F. Eagleton

U.S. Senator from Missouri for the U.S. Senate

The Honorable Dante B. Fascell

U.S. Representative from Florida for the U.S. House of Representatives

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William G. Chirgotis

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