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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 19, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MRS. FORD

FROM: MARIA DOWNS M

SUBJECT: Your Luncheon for the Members of the  
Committee for the Preservation of the  
White House

Mrs. Engelhard will be meeting with you and Rex prior to the Luncheon. She will be arriving shortly past noon, and Rex will meet her and escort her to the Residence. He is sending you background information on the creche which she wants to redesign to make more adaptable.

Since she will be coming down to the Luncheon with you, I will not have the opportunity to brief you before the event. Please give me a call in the morning to go over any details you are concerned about.

Clem would not part with an agenda or talking points. He said he wanted to discuss this with you on Sunday.

I discussed your participation in the meeting in great detail with Susan Porter. Clem is adamant that you participate in the meeting or walk through. This would put you in the position again of having to say nice things about the Yellow Oval Room. Susan and I both agree it would be best for you to wish them well at the end of the Luncheon - tell them you and Clem have discussed the agenda and he has your thoughts.

As far as taking time on Sunday for a meeting with him, you might want to consider doing it Monday morning instead. This would be ample time to go over the agenda items on which he needs your guidance.

He also mentioned that he wanted to take the Committee into the Family Dining Room on the Second Floor. I told him I did not think that was included since it was part of your private quarters.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

LUNCHEON  
FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE WHITE HOUSE

March 22, 1976  
12:30 p. m.

Arrival:

- 12:30 p. m. . . . your guests will arrive at the Diplomatic Reception Room.
- Your guests will be escorted to the Red Room.
- Sherry, Dubonnet and juice will be served.
- 12:35 p. m. . . . Maria Downs will escort you to the State Floor and you will proceed to the Red Room where you will join your guests and mingle informally.
- You will proceed with your guests into the Blue Room for the luncheon.

After Luncheon:

- You will bid farewell to your guests and return to the Family Quarters.

NOTES:

- Committee will begin meeting in Treaty Room after luncheon.
- Marine String Ensemble will be playing in the Grand Hall.
- Military Social Aides will be present.
- A White House photographer will be present.
- There will be no press coverage.



- A guest list is attached.
- Suggested talking points are attached.

Maria Downs



GUEST LIST FOR THE LUNCHEON TO BE GIVEN BY MRS. FORD  
FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE WHITE  
HOUSE ON MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1976 AT 12:30 O'CLOCK, THE  
WHITE HOUSE:

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Atkins  
Secretary to the Committee

The Honorable J. Carter Brown  
Director, National Gallery of Art

Mr. and Mrs. Clement E. Conger  
Curator, The White House

Mrs. Charles W. Engelhard, Jr.  
Far Hills, New Jersey

Mr. Edward V. Jones  
Architectural Advisor to the Committee, Albany, Ga.  
(Guest & daughter: Mrs. Jeanette Balling)

The Honorable Clare Boothe Luce  
Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Richard P. Mellon  
Ligonier, Pennsylvania

Mrs. John Murchison  
Addison, Texas

Dr. and Mrs. S. Dillon Ripley II  
Secretary, Smithsonian Institution

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Scouten  
Chief Usher, The White House

To hear from:

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick K. Weyerhaeuser  
Hobe Sound, Florida



Regrets for the Luncheon on March 22 1976:

Mr. and Mrs. Gary E. Everhardt  
Chairman of the Committee  
Director, National Park Service

The Honorable Wiley T. Buchanan and Mrs. Buchanan  
Vienna, Austria

Mrs. Thurmond Clarke  
Corona del Mar, California

Mr. and Mrs. Lamnot duPont Copeland  
Greenville, Delaware

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks McCormick  
Chicago, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNeil  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Mr. Richard P. Mellon  
Ligonier, Pennsylvania

Mr. John Murchison  
Addison, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Hooker  
New York, New York

Mrs. Aristotle Onassis  
New York, New York

Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Phipps  
New York, New York

Mr. and Mrs. W. Clement Stone  
Winnetka, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. Philip K. Wrigley  
Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. Edward V. Jones  
Albany, Georgia

