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Republican Women's Federal Forum

March 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: WHITE HOUSE STAFF/STAFF WIVES
FROM: PAT LINDH
SUBJECT: Invitation to join the Republican
Women's Federal Forum

The Republican Women's Federal Forum was formed in 1974 to provide a platform for Republican spokesmen and to give briefings to its members. Membership is open to women who are associated with the federal government through their own positions or those of their husbands.

Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Rockefeller serve as honorary Co-Chairmen of the Forum. Mrs. Francine Neff, Treasurer of the United States, is President of the Forum.

Our first meetings for 1975 is scheduled for March 24th with Mr. Frank Zarb as speaker, followed by an informal lunch. We will start promptly at 12 noon and plan to take as little time as possible from everyone's busy schedule.

For further information about the Forum and for application forms, please come by my office. We hope you will be able to join in this very worthwhile effort.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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MRS.

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MAILING ADDRESS _____

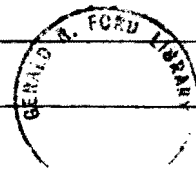
OCCUPATION Self
AND TITLE Husband _____

PHONE Office _____ Home _____

Annual Dues: \$15.00. Please make check payable to Republican Women's Federal Forum. Mail form and check to above address, ATTENTION: Betty Lewis.

I believe the following women would be interested in joining the Forum.
(Please give full mailing address and print clearly.)

Name Address Zip



For immediate release
Friday, June 13, 1975

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

Mrs. Ford's upcoming schedule

Monday, June 16, 1975

8 p.m. The White House. State Dinner for the President of the Federal Republic of Germany and Mrs. Walter Sheel. Details on separate release.

Wednesday, June 18

12 noon. The White House, South Lawn. Mrs. Ford will host a brown bag picnic lunch for members of the Republican Congressional Wives Club. Beveridges and dessert will be served, with guests bringing their own lunches. About 180 women are expected. Mrs. Ford has been a member of the organization for 25 years.

Thursday, June 19

8 p.m. The Uris Theatre, New York City. Mrs. Ford will attend a Gala Benefit celebrating the 50th year of the Martha Graham Dance Company. Press contact: Tom Kerrigan (212) 643-1249

Monday, June 23

12 noon. The White House. Mrs. Ford will host a brunch for members of the Republican Womens Federal Forum. This will be the regular monthly meeting of the group. Mrs. Ford is honorary chairman of the group's advisory council.

8 p.m. Wolf Trap Farm Park. Mrs. Ford will attend the opening of the Metropolitan Opera.



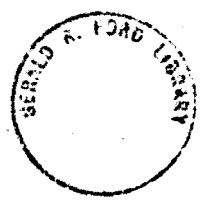
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MRS. FORD REMARKS

TO REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S FEDERAL FORUM

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IT'S A PLEASURE FOR ME TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO
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FORUM MEANS A GREAT DEAL TO ME.



I'M PROUD OF THE FACT THAT I WAS IN ON THE
BEGINNING OF THIS ACTIVE, INNOVATIVE GROUP LATE IN 1973,
ALONG WITH ANNE ARMSTRONG, BARBARA BUSH, BETTY RHODES
AND MANY OTHER GOOD FRIENDS.

AND I'M PROUD OF THE FACT THAT MY HUSBAND WAS
THE FIRST SPEAKER TO ADDRESS ONE OF OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS.
INCIDENTALLY, JERRY ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO EACH OF YOU HIS
BEST WISHES.



THE FORUM CAN AND SHOULD BECOME A PERMANENT
FIXTURE ON THE WASHINGTON SCENE. IT GIVES SOME OF OUR
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CAREER WOMEN IN EVERY PHASE OF GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS --
A CHANCE TO GET TOGETHER, TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND TO KEEP
INFORMED IN A PLEASANT, SOCIAL SETTING.

ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE (TOKE-VEEL), THE GREAT
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PARTY.



AND GROUPS LIKE THIS HELP BRING TOGETHER AND ORGANIZE OUTSTANDING REPUBLICAN WOMEN -- FROM THE LEGISLATURE, THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THE NATIONAL PARTY STRUCTURE.

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BUT I AM HERE TODAY AS A MEMBER OF THE FORUM -- NOT AS A GUEST LECTURER. SO LET ME JUST REPEAT HOW GLAD I AM THAT YOU COULD ALL BE HERE AND WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS WITH A GROUP THAT I ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT AND AM PROUD TO BELONG TO.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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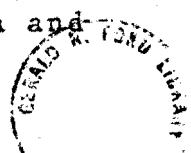
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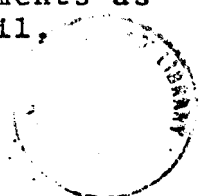
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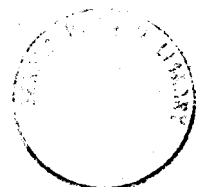
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SUBJECT: Instructions for Social Aides

EVENT: Republican Women's Federal Forum - Brunch

Date/Time: June 23, 1975 (12:00 noon) No. of Guests: 350

Uniform: Service Dress Parking: North Grounds

In-Place Time for Aides: 11:00 a.m. (Library)

In-Place Time for OIC: 10:45 a.m. (Social Office)

Duty Aide: LtCol A. A. Sardo, USMC

First Family Participation: Mrs. Ford

The following Social Aides will attend:

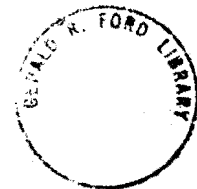
Lt John A. Gaughan, USCG
Lt(jg) Shelley E. Cochran, USN
Capt Thomas L. Groppel, USA
*Capt John D. Power, USAF
1stLt Robert J. Harig, USAF
Capt John R. Harris, USMC
Capt Andrew N. Pratt, USMC

*Officer in Charge

Music: USMC String Ensemble w/piano in the Lobby (11:30) (East Gate)

Remarks:

Robert E. Barrett
ROBERT E. BARRETT
Major, U. S. Army
Army Aide to the President



DISTRIBUTION:

Capt Kollmorgen
LtCol Sardo

LtCol Blake
Major Barrett

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Mrs. Weidenfeld
Secret Service
Visitor's Office
Band

Usher's Office
White House Garage
White House Staff Mess
Mr. O'Donnell
White House Police (7)

FACT SHEET
Mrs. Ford's Office

Event Brunch

Group The Republican Women's Federal Forum

DATE/TIME Monday, June 23, 1975 12 noon

Contact Linda Baker / Lea Jablonsky Phone 2927 / 964-

Number of guests: Total approx. 350 Women X Men - - Children - - 2333

Place State Floor

Principals involved Mrs. Ford

Participation by Principal yes - greet informally (Receiving line) no

Remarks required no

Background The Republican Women's Federal Forum's purpose is to provide a forum for Republican spokesmen at the group's monthly luncheon meetings and to provide an organizational bond for Republican women in the Washington area. Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Rockefeller are the Honorary Co-Chairmen, and Mrs. Ford is hosting a brunch for the group's June meeting.

Social: Guest list yes - Lea Jablonsky to the Social Secretary's Office

Invitations yes - sent by the Forum Programs no Menus no

Refreshments yes - a stand-up brunch

Entertainment no

Decorations/flowers yes

Music yes

Social Aides yes

Dress Business Suit Coat check if inclement weather

Other - -

Press: Reporters TO BE RESOLVED

Photographers _____

TV Crews _____

White House Photographers yes Color yes Mono. - -

Other - -

Technical Support: Microphones no PA Other Rooms no

Recording no

Lights no

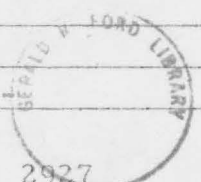
Transportation cars -- Southwest Gate

Parking South Grounds (overflow: North Drive)

Housing no

Other - - (Risers, stage, platforms) - -

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FACT SHEET
Mrs. Ford's Office

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Group The Republican Women's Federal Forum

DATE/TIME Monday, June 23, 1975 12 noon

Contact Linda Baker / Lea Jablonsky Phone 2927 / 964-

Number of guests: Total approx. 350 Women X Men -- Children -- 2333

Place State Floor

Principals involved Mrs. Ford

Participation by Principal yes (Receiving line) no

Remarks required yes

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Social: Guest list yes - Lea Jablonsky to the Social Secretary's Office

Invitations yes - sent by the Forum Programs no Menus no

Refreshments yes - a stand-up brunch

Entertainment no

Decorations/flowers yes

Music yes

Social Aides yes

Dress Business Suit Coat check if inclement weather

Other --

Press: Reporters TO BE RESOLVED

Photographers _____

TV Crews _____

White House Photographers yes Color yes Mono. --

Other --

Technical Support: Microphones yes PA Other Rooms no

Recording yes

Lights ?

Transportation cars -- Southwest Gate

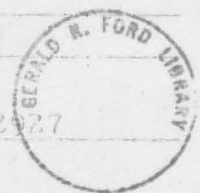
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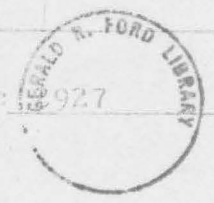
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 20, 1975

MRS. FORD:

Event: Brunch for the Republican Women's Federal Forum

Date/Time: Monday, June 23, 1975 12 noon

Place: State Floor (State Dining Room)

Number of Attendees: Approximately 350 ladies

Schedule of Events: 12:00 p. m. , Your guests will arrive through the Diplomatic Reception Room and will be escorted to the State Dining Room.

12:05 p. m. Nancy Ruwe will escort you via elevator to the State Dining Room where you will proceed across the room to a position under the Lincoln portrait. You will make brief welcoming remarks.

Following remarks, you may wish to join your guests for refreshments and mingle informally.

Buffet brunch will be served to your guests from round tables in the State Dining Room.

12:45 p. m. You may wish to return to the Family Quarters.

NOTES: A Military string ensemble will be positioned in the Grand Hall.

Military Social Aides will be present.



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Brunch

There will be press coverage.

A White House photographer will be present.

Guest list is attached.

Background information is attached.

Nancy Ruwe



Betty Acts Eager For Campaigning

By Isabelle Shelton
Washington Star Staff Writer

Betty Ford says she "can hardly wait to get started" campaigning for her husband's next presidential bid. Mrs. Ford was hostess at a White House luncheon yesterday for about 350 members of the Republican Women's Federal Forum, a group she helped organize about a year ago as a luncheon platform for prominent Republican speakers.

RECALLING that yesterday, she said there came a time, when the organizing was done and the first luncheon date was approaching, "and someone said 'who are we going to get to make the first speech?'" "The Vice President seemed a logical choice," she recalled, "and suddenly everyone was looking at me. I knew right then and there that I had my first job to do, to convince Gerald Ford that this was an important group, worth his time to come and address." She succeeded, and "I'm proud to recall that he was the first speaker," she said.

SHE DOES believe the group is important, Mrs. Ford said, and "I'm happy to see that it now has become a permanent part of the Washington scene." "One of the things I keep drilling into my husband's head is that 53 percent of registered voters are women," she said, and not only is the message getting across to her husband, but "other men are beginning to realize it too."

The standup lunch (necessary because there were so many attending) consisted of quiche lorraine, fresh cantaloupe, honeydew melon and watermelon pieces served in big scooped-out watermelons, frosted brownies and minted iced tea. Orange juice and white wine also were served.

SEVERAL WOMEN government officials were among the guests, along with several Congressional wives and District Republican National Committeewoman Allie Marriott.

Constance Stuart, who was press secretary to Pat Nixon for a few years, said she enjoyed coming back as a guest "to see how the other half lives." She was startled at the "noise level" as the 350 women gathered in the lower level of the White House before coming upstairs.

POST - 6/24/75
First Lady Betty Ford and the Republic

First Lady Betty Ford said yesterday that she "keeps drilling" into her husband that 53 per cent of the registered voters are women while only 47 per cent are men. Mrs. Ford won applause from 350 members of the Republican Women's Federal

Forum at a buffet brunch in the state dining room at the White House. Mrs. Ford was one of the founders of the group a year ago and President Ford was its first speaker when he had just become Vice President.

The group includes women who work in the federal government and wives of senators, representatives and other federal officials. Asked if she intends to campaign for her husband when he runs for President in 1976, Mrs. Ford exclaimed: "I can hardly wait to start."

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(BETTY)
WASHINGTON (UPI) -- FIRST LADY BETTY FORD TODAY SAID SHE IS ANXIOUS TO START HELPING HER HUSBAND CAMPAIGN FOR A FULL TERM IN THE PRESIDENCY.

MRS. FORD DISCUSSED THE CAMPAIGN WITH REPORTERS WHILE SHE WAS ENTERTAINING SEVERAL HUNDRED MEMBERS OF THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S FORUM AT A BRUNCH IN THE WHITE HOUSE STATE DINING ROOM. SHE SAID SHE CAN "HARDLY WAIT TO GET STARTED".

PRESIDENT FORD HAS NOT YET FORMALLY DECLARED THAT HE WILL SEEK THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION IN 1976 AND HAS KEPT THE TIMING OF HIS ANNOUNCEMENT SECRET, EVEN FROM HIS WIFE.

"HE PROBABLY THOUGHT IF I KNEW IT, I WOULD ANNOUNCE IT TODAY," MRS. FORD SAID.

MRS. FORD, WHO ONCE ASKED HER HUSBAND TO QUIT POLITICS, NOW APPEARS TO BE ENJOYING HER LIFE AS FIRST LADY AND CLEARLY WANTS TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

IN FORMAL REMARKS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE BRUNCH, MRS. FORD RECALLED WHEN THE WOMEN'S FORUM WAS ESTABLISHED AND AS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS, SHE PROVIDED THE FIRST SPEAKER -- HER HUSBAND.

"THIS GROUP HAS MEANT A GREAT DEAL TO ME," SHE SAID. "I WAS IN ON THE PLANNING."

SHE SAID THE GROUP EXEMPLIFIES "ONE THING I KEEP DRILLING INTO MY HUSBAND" -- THAT THE PERCENTAGE OF REGISTERED VOTERS IS 53 PER CENT