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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MRS. FORD

EVENT: Appointment with Mrs. Imelda Marcos, wife of the  
Philippine President

DATE: Wednesday, November 19, 1975

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Arrival: South Portico  
Visit: West Hall, Residence

SEQUENCE: (The Ushers Office will call immediately when Mrs. Marcos' car has arrived at the Southwest Gate in order that Mrs. Ford may be downstairs at the Diplomatic Reception Room to greet her as she arrives.)

3:00 pm Mrs. Ford greets Mrs. Marcos at her car upon her arrival.  
(NOTE: PRESS COVERAGE)

3:02 pm Mrs. Ford will escort Mrs. Marcos into the Residence and up to the West Hall, Second Floor.

-Simple refreshments will be served

3:30 pm Susan Porter will return at the conclusion of Mrs. Ford's appointment with Mrs. Marcos and escort her back to her car at the South Portico.

NOTE:

- Press coverage only of Mrs. Ford's greeting Mrs. Marcos at her arrival.
- White House photographer will be present.
- Background material is attached.
- Mrs. Ford's next appointment is a drop-by at 6:30 at the Fund for a Representative Congress Reception.

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November 18, 1975



Mrs. Imelda Marcos

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Background

Imelda Marcos, the wife of Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, will be in Washington November 18-19 to deliver the keynote address at an international conference on population. The World Population Society, which former Special Assistant to the Secretary of State Philip Claxton heads, is sponsoring the conference at the Mayflower Hotel.

Mrs. Marcos recently created some controversy in her heavily Christian country (95%) when she publicly stated that she was not totally opposed to divorce and abortion. She reportedly said that she favored more positive (preventive) birth control measures over abortion, but would not totally rule out the latter in all cases.

Mrs. Marcos has developed a considerable public role during the past year. In 1974, she traveled to Peking to promote better relations between the People's Republic of China and the Philippines. Her husband has just named her as governor (mayor) of metropolitan Manila, which encompasses the entire urban area of that capital city and includes a population of 5.4 million. Apparently she plans to involve herself in the day to day operations of the city.

Mrs. Marcos is noted for her tremendous energy, growing political and financial power, and striking beauty. She was formerly a beauty queen holding the title of Miss Manila.

She and her husband have three children: Maria Imelda, 19, now studying at Princeton; and Ferdinand, Jr., 17, and Irene, 14, both of whom are in England.

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NOTES:

Mrs. Marcos is arriving this evening and will leave tomorrow evening, so she will probably address the conference tomorrow morning (Nov. 18)

The subject of Mrs. Ford's visit to Philippines will probably come up, but Mrs. Ford has invited her a couple of times, once in August and once before. Once Mrs. Ford had something else and once Mrs. Marcos couldn't do it.





Imee, Daughter of <sup>File</sup> Mrs. Marcos -  
Accompanied Mrs.  
Marcos to tea.

For immediate release  
Tuesday, November 17, 1975

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

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Mrs. Ford will receive Mrs. Imelda Marcos, wife of the President of the Philippines, Ferdinand E. Marcos, at 3:00 P.M. Wednesday, November 18, 1975, at the White House for tea.

Mrs. Marcos is in Washington to deliver the keynote address to an international conference on population sponsored by the World Population Society at the Mayflower Hotel.

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Press Coverage: Photo coverage of arrivals at the South Portico





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## Mrs. Marcos a Guest

Associated Press

Betty Ford entertained  
Imelda Marcos, the visit-

an international confer-  
ence of the World Popula-  
tion Society here.