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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: PETER SORUM  
FROM: SUSAN PORTER  
SUBJECT: Action Memo

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EVENT: Christmas Party

GROUP: Hospital for Sick Children

DATE: Thursday, December 18, 1975

TIME: 1:30 p.m. Party begins  
2:00 p.m. Mrs. Ford arrives

PLACE: Hospital for Sick Children  
1731 Bunker Hill Road, Northeast, Washington D.C.  
Enrichment Program Room

CONTACT: Mrs. Lorene Nagel  
O: 832-4400  
H: 986-1065

COMMENTS: Mrs. Ford will again attend the annual Christmas party at the Hospital for Sick Children which has been one of her favorite projects. The party itself will begin at 1:30 when the children awaken from their naps. Their program will be held before Mrs. Ford arrives from 1:30 to 2:00. When Mrs. Ford arrives at 2:00 she will help serve the refreshments and will help Santa distribute his presents for the children. Her participation will probably be a maximum of 45 minutes.

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Reverend Azlein. Mrs. Nagel will be expecting a call from you at your convenience to work out the details of the arrangements.

Thank you.

c: BF Staff  
Red Cavaney  
William Nicholson  
Sara Massengale  
Rex Scouten  
Staircase

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December 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MRS. FORD  
VIA: RED CAVANEY *RC*  
FROM: PETER SORUM *PS*  
SUBJECT: YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE ANNUAL  
HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN  
CHRISTMAS PARTY, Hospital for Sick  
Children, Washington, D. C.  
Thursday, December 18, 1975

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

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

BACKGROUND

Each year the Hospital for Sick Children holds a Christmas Party for the residents and out patients which includes entertainment, refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus. Again this year you have been asked to participate with Santa in the present distribution as well as assist the staff in passing cookies to the children. As a token of their appreciation to you for your interest and support, the children have prepared a special Christmas Card for you which will be presented to you after you share your Christmas greetings.

12/15/75  
3:30 pm

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

MRS. FORD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE  
ANNUAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN  
CHRISTMAS PARTY

Hospital for Sick Children  
Washington, D. C.  
Thursday, December 18, 1975

- 1:30 pm Mrs. Ford boards motorcade on South Grounds.  
  
MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route  
Hospital for Sick Children (1731 Bunker Hill Road, N. E.).  
  
[Driving time: 25 minutes]
- 1:55 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Hospital for Sick Children.  
  
Mrs. Ford will be met by:  
Reverend Arthur A. Azlein, Board President  
Mrs. Barrington (Marjorie) Parker, Immediate  
Past President  
Dr. Constance Battle, Medical Coordinator
- Mrs. Ford, escorted by Dr. Battle, proceeds to  
Activity Room foyer to greet Admiral Willis C. Barnes,  
Commanding Officer, Naval Ship Engineering Center,  
and Mrs. Lorene Nagel, Director, Community Relations,  
Hospital for Sick Children.
- 2:00 pm Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mrs. Nagel, proceeds to stage  
area to offer Christmas greetings to the children.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 120



- 2:05 pm Mrs. Ford is joined by LeShawn Beasley (4 years old) who will present a Christmas Card from the children.
- 2:08 pm Mrs. Ford, escorted by LeShawn Beasley, takes her seat.
- 2:10 pm Admiral Barnes presents check to Rev. Azlein.
- 2:12 pm Rev. Azlein responds.
- 2:15 pm Mrs. Ford is invited by Mrs. Nagel to assist in passing cookies to children.
- 2:30 pm Santa Claus arrives.
- 2:31 pm Mrs. Ford joins Santa Claus in distributing presents to children.

NOTE: Staff members will assist in distributing after Santa & Mrs. Ford read the names on the gifts.

- 2:45 pm Mrs. Ford bids farewell to Santa and the children and departs Activity Room en route motorcade for boarding.
- 2:50 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Hospital for Sick Children en route South Grounds.

[Driving time: 25 minutes]

- 3:15 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.
- Mrs. Ford proceeds to residence.

For immediate release  
Thursday, Dec. 18, 1975

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

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Mrs. Ford will attend a Christmas party at the Hospital for Sick Children in Washington, D. C. Thursday, Dec. 18 at 2 p. m. She will help Santa pass out the Christmas gifts and serve refreshments.

Mrs. Ford will be met by Dr. Constance Battle, medical coordinator of the Hospital; Mrs. Barrington D. Parker (Marjorie), immediate past president of the Board of Trustees and The Rev. Arthur Azlein, president of the board of trustees.

The party is held annually for about 95 children at the Hospital. Mrs. Ford attended the party last year and considers the Hospital a special interest. It is a specialized institution which provides intermediate care to infants, children and adolescents. About a third of its patients are day care, and two-thirds are residents.

The Christmas party is sponsored by the Naval Ship Engineering Company, represented by Adm. Willis C. Barnes, the commanding officer. Admiral Barnes will present the hospital with a check.

Mrs. Ford will receive a Christmas card made by the children at the Hospital. It will be presented by Leshawn Beasley, 3, daughter of Mrs. Cornelia Beasley.

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Press contact, Hospital for Sick Children:  
Lorene Nagel, 832-4400.

Note: The Hospital is located at 1731 Bunker Hill Road NE.  
Press who need transportation should contact x2164 as space is limited.

## First Lady Brings Cheer

First Lady Betty Ford expresses her appreciation for a Christmas card given to her by 3-year-old Leshawn Beasley on behalf of youngsters at the Hospital for Sick Children. Mrs. Ford visited the hospital yesterday to help serve refreshments and distribute gifts.

—Washington Star Photographer Pete Schmick



MRS. FORD ATTENDS, AND HELPS DISTRIBUTE GIFTS AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, 1731 BUNKER HILL RD., NE, 2:00 P.M.

