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

Mrs. Ford will attend a preview of the Exhibition of Archeological Finds of the People's Republic of China Tuesday, Dec. 10 at the National Gallery of Art.

She will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellon at a dinner at the Gallery preceding the preview (Mr. Mellon is President of the Gallery). She will arrive at the Gallery about 7 p.m.

The Exhibition is the largest show to have ever been installed in the National Gallery. It contains a selection of 385 objects, some of which date to 600,000 B.C. and all of which have been unearthed in China since the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949. In all, there are 13 tons of artifacts -- jade, gold, silver, procelain and silk.

The exhibit opens at the National Gallery Friday, Dec. 13 and will be on view until March 30, 1975. It goes at that time to Kansas City for a month-and-a-half and will then be returned to Peking.

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All press arrangements are being handled by Katherine Warwick at the National Gallery of Art 737-4215.

For guidance: there will be a photo session with Mrs. Ford at 7 p.m. Press must be prepositioned to participate. Advance notice must go to Mrs. Warwick.

note: there will be pool coverage of dinner toasts and Mrs. Ford's remarks.

All press inquiries should go to Katherine Warwick.