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

Mrs. Ford will attend a luncheon in her honor given by Mrs. Scheel Sunday, July 27 at noon. The luncheon will be held at Villa Hammerschmidt, the Scheel residence.

Other guests: Mrs. Schmidt; Mrs. Martin J. Hillenbrand, wife of the US ambassador to Germany; Mrs. Frank Cash, wife of the US deputy chief of mission; Mrs. Hans-Dietrich Genscher, wife of the Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs and Deputy to the Federal Chancellor; Mrs. Hans Friderichs, wife of the Federal Minister of Economics;

Also on the guest list are Mrs. Berndt von Staden, wife of the German ambassador to the US; Mrs. Paul Frank, wife of the chief of the Federal President's Office; Mrs. Franz Joachim Schoeller, wife of the German Chief of Protocol; and Dr. Veronika Carstens, wife of the chairman, CDU/CSU Bundestag Group.

Other guests include Mrs. Heinz-Oskar-Vetter, wife of the president of the Federation of German Labor Unions; Mrs. Claus-Hinrich Casdorff, wife of the chief, Television Panel Discussion Program, Westdeutscher Rundfunk; Mrs. Friedrich Nowotny, wife of the chief, ARD/WDR Studio Bonn (German Television); Mrs. Petra Moll, painter; Mrs. Ina Born, assistant to Dr. Mildred Scheel; and Mrs. Sylvia Hofheinz, foreign office interpreter.

Mrs. Scheel's menu includes turtle soup, medallions of venison Chasseurs and creme brulee.

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Press coverage will be by an expanded pool of 10 US press and 10 German press. The US pool will include: AP photo, UPI photo, ABC crew (2), CBS crew (2), NBC crew (2), AP writer, UPI writer.

Dr. Mildred Scheel

Dr. Mildred Scheel, wife of the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, has been a resident of Bonn since 1969. No stranger to the Rhineland, Dr. Scheel was born in Cologne, 30 kilometers north of Bonn, the daughter of a physician and an American mother.

Prior to her marriage to Walter Scheel, Mildred Scheel lived in Munich pursuing a medical career which she had decided on while still a school girl. After graduating from secondary school, she began her medical studies in Munich where she accepted an appointment to a University medical clinic. Following her father's footsteps, intending to eventually take over his practice, Mildred Scheel specialized in radiology.

Long interested and active in the fight against cancer, Mildred Scheel founded the Deutsche Krebshilfe (The German Cancer Research Fund) shortly after the election of her husband to the Presidency of the Federal Republic on the 15th of May 1974.

The Scheels have two daughters, Cornelia and Andrea-Gwendolyn, and an adult son, Ulrich, from the President's previous marriage. They also have an adopted Bolivian son, Simon-Martin.

While extremely interested and active in political matters, Dr. Scheel manages to find time to pursue her interests in reading, music, the theater and skiing. She is known as an excellent hostess whose intelligence and natural grace are much admired. The First Lady is not only well liked but regarded by those who know her as a friend.

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HISTORY OF VILLA HAMMERSCHMIDT

An earlier name of Villa Hammerschmidt was Villa Troost. It was probably built in 1862, although the exact date and the original owner are not known. In 1878 the villa was rebuilt in its present form and the large garden from the street to the Rhine was completed.

Known owners of the villa were:

Albrecht Troost	1865 - 1868
Leopold König	1868 - 1899
Rudolph Hammerschmidt and his heirs	1899 - 1950
The Federal Republic of Germany	1950 - present

The following Federal Presidents resided at Villa Hammerschmidt:

Theodor Heuss	1950 - 1959	2 terms
Heinrich Lübke	1959 - 1969	2 terms
Gustav Heinemann	1969 - 1974	1 term
Walter Scheel	July 1, 1974 - present	

