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

Mrs Ford will host a luncheon for wives of members of the United States Senate Monday, May 3 at 1:00 P.M. in the State Dining Room of the White House.

Antique dolls representing different periods in American history and different regions of the country will be used in the centerpieces. Among them are a carved and painted wood figure of Abraham Lincoln, two dried apple dolls from Virginia, a silk-gowned Jenny Lind doll, a New England fisherman and a stuffed homespun doll from the early 1800's. The dolls are on loan from the Shelburne Museum Doll Collection in Shelburne, Vermont.

Guests include present and former Senate wives and wives of Cabinet members and Presidential counselors. They will enter through the Diplomatic Reception Room, where a harpist will be playing. The Marine Corps Strings will provide music in the foyer of the State floor.

Mrs. Ford will mingle informally with her guests on the State Floor prior to the luncheon. Each guest will draw a card to receive her seating assignment.

Tablecloths of Wamsutta cotton with a blue and white design will be used on the 12 round tables. All will be set with the Johnson China, the Morgantown crystal and the Monroe vermeil flatware.

Each guest will receive as a favor a Stieff pewter Jefferson Cup with a begonia planted in each. Each cup is engraved with Mrs. Ford's signature and "1976." This is the second year the Jefferson cups have been given as favors.

A variety of spring garden flowers, including blue dephinium, peonies, roses, lilacs, lilies of the valley and tulips. Cut plant greens will also be used in the decorations, which are being coordinated by Robert King of Floral Arts of Chevy Chase. King, a native Washingtonian, previously did the decorations for the recent State Dinners for the King of Jordan and the Irish Prime Minister and last year's Senate Wives luncheon.

The menu: Watercress and Apple Soup, Medallions of Veal, Saffron Rice, Fresh Asparagus Vianigrette, Lemon Sherbet with Strawberries and Demitasse

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Press Coverage:

12:15 Pickup, Photographers and writers for viewing of tables

1:00 Pickup, writers, for informal reception

