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WOMEN'S NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CLUB NEW YORK CITY SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1976

Should Frenciso - and THANK YOU, SO VERY MUCH FOR THIS AWARD. IT IS ESPECIALLY MEANINGFUL TO BE RECOGNIZED BY A GROUP WITH SUCH A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED RECORD OF SERVICE TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. It is indeed an hopor to be here today and share the platform with such Outstanding Republicand. In a cor speaker Beneton Darry Soldwitter, week 1100 the friends of many years such as Spoke with Treside I in h.C. The ker him for their very poit and weeks there will an

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I'M OFTEN REMINDED

OF HOW SHARED POLITICAL FAITH

AND DURABLE FRIENDSHIPS

BIND REPUBLICANS TOGETHER---

DESPITE DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS AND AGES.

YOUR CLUB IS A TESTIMONY TO THIS UNITY
OF SHARED GOALS AND INTERESTS.

VOTER EDUCATION AND REGISTRATION,
FUNDRAISING AND POLITICAL SEMINARS--ALL THESE INDISPENSABLE ACTIVITIES
KEEP THE REPUBLICAN PARTY STRONG.

WHEN I MEET WITH DEVOTED VOLUNTEERS,

I ALWAYS THINK

THE SPECIAL HONORS BELONG TO YOU.

ITS YOUR GENEROSITY

WITH TIME, ENERGY AND MONEY

THAT MAKES THE GRAND OLD PARTY WORK.

AND SO I THANK YOU

FOR YOUR MANY, MANY CONTRIBUTIONS

TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

AND TO OUR COUNTRY.

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Women's National Republican Club

The more I travel our country, the more I am reminded of how many links of friendship exist across the mies miles. To be sure, it is a long way geographically from New York to California, but that distance investment is shortened by remaining the shared for goals and shared faith.

unity Ex---resulting from the political beliefs. Although different ages and backgrounds, you have worked together for the Republican party in good times and bad. There are no ENR "sunshine patriots" in the Women's National Republican Club. Your entire history shows your devotion to this party and through that the your concern about our political system.

DENK The two parties****PENKENTER** are vital to our system, because they provide the mechanism for ENNERTHING education about the issues and organization to get voters to the polls.

I mentioned earlier how struck I am in my \mathbf{x} travels by what a small country this is in some ways. I've also $\dot{\mathbf{x}}$ been

delighted by the "upbest" spirit I feel in America in 1976.

America is not the promised land---but it is a land of
promise promise, because the American people are always willing to keep trying.

I feel very honored to be First Lady in this our Bicentennial year, because it gives me the **Epaskmakk*** opportunity to talk about our ** achievements as well as our failures. I see so much that is **gamix*** good and fine about our government, our free enterprise system and our dedication to liberty. I see all this in every **xmax** town and city in America, and I see in the the faces of people I meet. The faces of dear friends---like so many in this audience---and the faces of strangers I meet in traveling all reflecting back the optimism and joy I feel about America's next two hundred years.

Thank you very much for this special honor, but thank you most of all for your many, many contributions to our party and to the country.



Women's National Republican Club

Thank you very much. I shall treasure this honor, because it comes from such a hard-working, dedicated group of Republicans.

Your devotion to the Republican party shows your interest in our political process, because without our two-party system makes our government work. Without Our political parties provide the mechanism for voter education and involvement.

Because of volunteers like you, the Republican party is healthy and viable. In good times and bad, you work to keep the Party strong, to promote good candidates and to keep alive important issues.

The enthusiasm and dedication of Republican workers like you is so critical to our party and to the Nation. Thank you again for this special honor, but thanks most of all for your many, many contributions to **REXPERTINGER** GOP, whose beliefs we share.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 8, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO:

PETER SORUM

FROM:

SUSAN PORTER J.Y.

SUBJECT:

Action Memo

Mrs. Ford has accepted the following out-of-town invitation:

EVENT: Luncheon

GROUP: Women's National Republican Club

DATE: Saturday, March 20, 1976

TIME: 11:45 VIP Reception, West Foyer

12:30 Luncheon, Ballroom

PLACE: Waldorf Astoria Hotel

New York, New York

CONTACT: Mrs. Rosemary McGrath, First Vice President

0: (212) 582-5454

H: (212) 777-4949

COMMENTS: Mrs. Ford has accepted the invitation of the Women's

National Republican Club to attend their 55th Annual Luncheon to be held on March 20th at the Waldorf in New York. Susan Ford was also invited but has declined.

The Women's National Republican Club will present to Mrs. Ford their "Republican Woman of the Year Award". Barry Goldwater will be the main speaker, and Mrs. Douglas MacArthur will receive their "Affectionate Honor Award". Although I spoke originally with Mrs. John Lodge, the luncheon chairman, Mrs. McGrath has indicated she should probably serve as the contact. Mrs. Rudolf A. Bernatschke is the President. The occasion, judging from press reports, promises to be a gala one.

Although the luncheon is Saturday, Mrs. Ford would like to go to New York on Friday for some private appointments and remain overnight. Her departure will be determined by the times of the appointments which she does not yet know.

May I also suggest that you may wish to make a preliminary contact with the Parsons Award people at the time of your advance of the 20th event regarding Mrs. Ford's March 29th New York event. As of this writing I do not have those details but will have them by the time you return from California.

The file is attached.

Thank you.

c: BF Staff
Red Cavaney
William Nicholson
Warren Hendriks
H. H. Calloway
Dick Mastrangelo
Max Friedersdorf
Jerry Jones
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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The Women's National Republican Club, Inc.

requests the pleasure of your company at its

55th ANNUAL LUNCHEON

and

"SALUTE TO THE BICENTENNIAL"

Waldorf-Astoria Ballroom

New York City

Saturday, March 20, 1976 at 12:30 o'clock

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford
"Republican Woman of the Year" Award

Speaker

United States Senator Barry Goldwater "Distinguished Political Service" Award

Mrs. Douglas MacArthur "Affectionate Honor Award"

Licia Albanese
"The Star Spangled Banner"

Music
Courtesy of Ben Cutler

March 2, 1976

Dear Mrs. Bernatschke,

This is to confirm my telephone conversation with Mrs. John Lodge that Mrs. Ford is happy to accept your kind invitation to attend the 55th Annual Luncheon of the Women's National Republican Club in New York on March 20th at the Waldorf-Astoria. I am sure Mrs. Ford would want me to convey her gratitude and her encouragement to all who are actively involved in preparations for this lovely occasion.

with all best wishes.

Sincerely,

Susan Porter Appointments Secretary for Mrs. Ford

Nrs. Rudolf A. Bernatschke President The Women's National Republican Club 3 West 51st Street New York, New York . 10019

SP/sr

c: SF Accepted Pending (March 20, New York)
William Nicholson

As we discussed,

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

Dear Mrs. Ford,

As we discussed this morning, this is the invitation you were unable to accept last year and we held it for consideration this year because you hoped to do it.

They would like to honor you with their "Woman of the Year Award". Being the national group, I hope you will be able to do this.

If you are planning to accept, I think it would be worthwhile to convey that to them at this time rather than waiting closer to the date.

______Attend

Thank you,

susan



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Dear Mrs. Ford:

As President of the Women's National Republican Club, Inc., I am expressing the hope of every member that you will accept our "Woman of the Year Award" on the occasion of our 55th Annual Luncheon to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria on Saturday, March 20, 1976 at 12:30 p.m.

We know there are many demands made of your but we do so want you with us at our Anniversary Celebration.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely your

Mrs. Rudolf A. Bernatschke

President

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford The White House Washington, D. C.



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MRS ROBERT GUNTHER

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Robert Balline:

Ackn by phone

PHONE FOR

SUSAN

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 22, 1976

Dear Mrs. Gunther:

I was interested in reading your letter of January 19th and learning of your plans for a dinner at the Women's National Republican Club on February 18th and your desire to have Susan Ford as your guest.

Inasmuch as I am not familiar with Susan's schedule I am forwarding a copy of your letter along with a copy of this reply to the office responsible for coordinating Susan's activities. I am sure you will hear from that office in sufficient time for your dinner.

Very best wishes for success in your assignment as Chairman of the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Library, and with your dinner program.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Mildred Leonard Personal Assistant

Mrs. Robert F. Gunther Chairman Calvin Coolidge Memorial Library 308 West 97th Street New York, New York 10025

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January 19, 1976

Ms. Mildred Leonard Asst. to The President White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Leonard:

May I seek your advice after you have read what I would love to have take place.

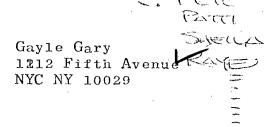
By way of introduction I am on the Board of Governors of Women's National Republican Club and my assignment is Chairman of the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Library.

On February 18, Wednesday we are planning a very fine dinner at the club -- from 6 to 7 in the George Washington Room we shall have cocktails and something lovely re the Bicentennial after which we will go to our Main Dining Room and enjoy dinner with a fine speaker and guests. We are calling it the George Washington Dinner.

Would it be possible that Susan Ford could be our guest? I want to invite several outstanding young people.

Helen Thomas will be our guest at a Tea on January 21st and I am happy to have a picture of a conference with President Ford. By the way he knows me in several things that we have done such as I am with the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame and on the National Council of Women, etc.

May I hear from you and thanks very much for anything you can do to help me. Sincerely,



Miss Porter The White House

Dear Miss Porter:

For 25 years I have assisted, as a member of the WNRC, in P.R. for the Annual Luncheon. Enclosed are some of the background items re me.

I am enclosing the two releases that just went out. Your advance man will get the list of State Chairmen for the lunch, I assume.

I am enclosing a few jotted thoughts for a "theme" for consideration for the acceptance remarks. Perhaps the thoughts may be useful.

Thank you for reading this and passing it along. My best to Rae zeeman.

Sincerely,

There will be got a good Rate / No point press titudey.

This is our bicentennial year.

The Saulte to me is a Salute to our forefathers and what they represented. What is needed and wanted in this bi-centennial year is a return and re-establishemnt of those principles unpon which our country was founded.

What is needed is a return of honesty and open putting-heads-tog communication -- whether on a family basis or on a group basis, or on a governmental basis so that once again we can have a complete American Famil Life and a restoration of confidence in each other. We must reverse the deteriorating American family life and the breaking down of communication. We must open our hearts and confront the problems that beset us and put our minds to the thought to achieve understandings and agreements as the basis on which to strengthen and grow together.

What is needed in government today is a government based on human understandings of the problems, with a high sense of truth and hesty if our country is to survive another 100 years. Our government offficials have the responsibility to discover how they can constantly improve the level of integrity to a point where full trust in the administrative process has been restored. What is not needed is supermen--- or super women (joke) out to run the world at the cost of individual liberty. This can be done by tixing being more honest and straight with other men and women.

When we can restore and knumunikatexhnumestly xx rekindle the abilito communicate openly and honestly we know that we will have restored that your forefathers instituted that is unique in the history of mankind.



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Release at will #761

Mrs. John Davis Lodge, Chairman of the 55th Annual Luncheon of the Women's National Republican Club, and Salute to the Bi-Centennial, to be held in the Grand Ballroom of The Waldorf-Astoria on Saturday, March 20, 1976 at 12:30 p.m. is honoring our first lady, Mrs. Gerald R. Ford, as "The Republican Woman of the Year."

Senator Barry Goldwater is the speaker for the event and will be the recipient of the "Distinguished Folitical Service Award of 1976", also Mrs. Douglas MacArthur, wife of the last General MacArthur, is designated to receive "The Affectionate Honor Award for 1976." Mrs. Rudolf A. Bernatschke, president of the W.N.R.C., will give the welcome.

Others participating in the program are: Licia Albanese, international opera star, who will sing The Star Spangled Banner; and Mrs. Jane Pickens Langley.

Special honored guests include: Congressmen Benjamin A. Gilman, Norman A. Lent, Peter A. Peyser of New York; Helen Delich Bentley, Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission; Vincent F. Albano, Jr., President and Chairman of the New York Republican County Committee; Mrs. Keith S. McHugh, New York Motional Committeewoman.

Two former Governors are among the honored guests: John Davis Lodge, former governor of Connecticut and William G. Stratton, former governor of Illinois.

Vice Chairmen for the event are: Mesdames John Whelchel Finger, Rosemary McGrath, Edward McP. Armstrong, Oliver M. Presbrey, Keith K. Woodeson, Merwin K. Hart, Theodore H. Halligan, Jean Menzel and Miss Marie Vale as Chairman of the Junior Committee.

Presenting the awards are: Mrs. Rosemary McGrath, First Vice President of the WNRC to Mrs. Gerald R. Ford; Mrs. John Davis Lodge to Senator Barry Goldwater; The Honorable Katharine St. George to Mrs. Douglas MacArthur.

For Information call: 582-5454 (More: State & Regional Chairman)

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PRESS RELEASE #763

TO ALL CITY DESKS, NATIONAL EDITORS, WOMEN'S PRESS, PHOTO EDITORS, DAY BOOKS

FROM: GAYLE GARY, Public Relations

You are cordially invited to cover the reception and luncheon with the Awardees and Chairman of the 55th Annual Luncheon of the W. N. R. C., March 20, 1976 at 11:30 a.m., West Foyer, The Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

CHAIRMAN:

Mrs. John Davis Lodge

AWARDEES:

MRS. GERALD R. FORD

U.S.SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER

MRS. DOUGLAS MacARTHUR

Timetable:

11:30 a.m. Guest of Honor Reception
12:30 p.m. Luncheon
1:30 p.m. Program starts, including speeches and presentations
3:00 p.m. Adjournment

We wish to make every facility available to you and extend every courtesy possible, so please call us if you are planning to attend...and please be prepared to show credentials.

Gayle Gary, Publicity Chairman TR 6-6503 or Club: JU 2-5454

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Dorothy Hamill, World and Olympic figure skating champion, will receive the Club's first "Outstanding Young American" Award.

February 27, 1976

Dear Mrs. Bart:

I am delighted to learn that the Women's National Republican Club has chosen to honor Hrs. Ford as your Woman of the Year. We both appreciate this kind and thoughtful gesture.

Your fifty-fifth annual luncheon gives us a velcome opportunity to express our gratitude to you and to your members for your many contributions to the Republican Party and to our country.

With best wishes for the success of this fine occasion and with my warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

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Hrs. Merwin K. Hart Chairman Program Committee The Women's National Republican Club, Inc. 3 West 51st Streat Hew York, New York 18019

GRF:CM:GA:pm

cc: RTHartmann, RCBMorton, Gwen Anderson, Caron McConnon, Jim Connor, Ron Nessen, Dorothy Downton, Susan Porter

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