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For immediate release
Monday, April 26, 1976

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

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TEXT OF MRS. FORD'S REMARKS UPON RECEIPT OF THE "SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE AWARD" AT THE GOLDEN SLIPPER CLUB DINNER, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 26, 1976

Thank you so much. What an absolutely exquisite crystal eagle! I am deeply honored by this "Spirit of Independence" Award, especially because it comes from the Golden Slipper Club.

I've heard so many wonderful things about the work you do to help people. It seems to me the very best way to promote independence is to help people help themselves and that's exactly what you do. By providing a summer camp for the young, by taking older people on excursions, and by responding to individual needs---you are truly celebrating the Bicentennial.

You give of yourselves---your time and energy---and you reach out to individuals in a personal way. Somehow your recent work with Russian immigrants symbolizes how the Golden Slipper reacts to the needs of this community.

By your good works. . . you are honoring the "Spirit of Independence" by helping those in need stand tall and appreciate themselves.

I am deeply touched to be honored by a group that believes and practices its motto---people helping people. Your gift and award inspire me. Thank you so very much.

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> Golden Slipper (Square) Club

go into the community — always looking for helping ways —

excursions for the elderly —

liaison with Russian immigrants —

adopting families —

volunteer — do not

drive people —

* People helping people.

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United Fund
poster girl — her
aunt asked for help

Mayo clinic — man
two & family & child
arrested deteriorating
disease

— supplying limbs —

Golden Slipper Award, Philadelphia, April 26, 1976

Thank you so very much for this "Spirit of Independence" Award and this exquisite glass sculpture of an eagle. I appreciate this wonderful inscription, and it is one of my fondest hopes to help promote the spirit of independence in our country.

I believe one of the important ways to encourage independence is for us to accept our responsibilities to others. as individuals — Help us help ourselves — Members of the Golden Slipper obviously are dedicated to helping promote independence. You bring laughter and hope to the young---and help them to grow. You bring the elderly back into the world and show respect for their independence. and their worth Your recent work with Russian immigrants is so much in the spirit of independence, because we can only repay our blessings by sharing with others.

Your helping hands are making your city a better place to live. You truly are people helping people. So please women will become members That's what I believe in meand to be independent---

Golden Slipper Award, Philadelphia, April 26, 1976

Thank you very much. What an exquisite glass sculpture of an eagle...and how wonderful ~~xx~~ you think I've helped promote the spirit of independence.

We're hearing that word bantered around so much this year. I think maybe we should pause tonight and think about its meaning for us as individuals. Being independent does not mean ~~xxxxx~~ standing alone... without ties and commitment to others. I believe it does mean standing up and accepting responsibilities... being independent means carrying our share of ~~xxxxxxx~~ work.

The Golden Slipper Club brings laughter and hope to the young...and helps them grow up into independent peopel. You bring the elderly time and attention and love and show them they still count as members of our society---this brings them that wonderful feeling of being independent. Your work with Russian immigrants is so much in the spirit of independence...because how better to celebrate the Bicentennial than by making welcome those refugees.~~xx~~

I welcome this awardas a challenge to me to

Golden Slipper

I am deeply touched by this award and the beautiful glass xp sculpture you presanted me. You organization represents the very finest tradition of giving and caring--- that seems very much a part of our own spirit of independence. none of us can truly be independent we are part of our common network of humanity. we need each other. in recent years so many people have turned over their responsbilities to those in need to impersonal organizatons to government0000 lesser people for not caring z

Golden Sllpper Award, Philadelphia, April 26, 1976

Thank you for this very special award and this exquisite glass sculpture. I am delighted to be given a "Spirit of Indepence" ~~an~~ award in this our Bicentennial year. I shall certainly try to live up to this ~~inscrip~~ inscription.

Like any gift, it is the giver which makes special the gift. I've heard so many wonderful things about ~~t~~ the work of the Golden Slipper Club.

You share ~~your time and~~ yourselves with others and bring laughter to young and old. You seek out those with special need and respond with kindness. ~~How~~ Your camp, your "Go Group" for the ~~kinder~~ elderly and your ~~adoption of~~ work with Russian immigrants show ~~the~~ that ~~your concern is not limited~~ the breadth of your concern and involvement in your community.

None of us can truly repay those whose kindness and love helps us in times of need---except by reaching out to others. ~~Your~~ No doubt as people helping people---your good works ~~will~~ reach beyond those you help into their families and to others.

Iam honored to be here ~~at your~~ with you~~t~~

You ~~xxx~~ share yourselves with others and bring laughter to the young and old. For what better purpose can people join together than to help those in need. None of us can truly repay those who do kind and loving things for us except be reaching ~~xxxx~~ out to others to keep the ~~xhxxxx~~ chain of humanity going.

I'm honored by your kindness, because of what you do for your friends and neighbors in Philadelphia. I am very pleased to hear that you will be opening up the Golden Slipper to women members.

Golden Slipper Club, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 26, 1976

I am deeply honored by this award. The title---spirit of independence---is one of great significance and meaning for all Americans. This beautiful glass sculpture is so exquisite. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

I am honored by receiving this award from your club---the good works and the generosity of the Golden Slipper club are so well known. You've done so much to help both the old and the young.

The helping hands you extend to those in need---young and old---bring much joy and comfort. We all at various times in our lives need the help of others---your camp, your programs for the elderly.

What better purpose for any organization than to extend a helping hand to those in need of help. All of the things I've heard about your club truly are admirable. But you do it k not for admiration, but for love. It is not enough khak to give food and shelter---but to give of ou your time and energy to bring kuaghk laughter and care into the lives of others thisis truly important.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Jack Wms

are they going to open up membership to women?

> suitable topics

(343-6195)

> public service affects about 10,000 ——— camps and week-end trips for elderly —

all kinds of unusual help on case by case basis

~~[illegible]~~ imp.

for your personal integrity, leadership and efforts
in helping americans during this 200th anniv. bicent.
year, to continue their independence and well-being.

will be presented to her by the presidnet of golden slipper

frank brodsky...

will announced that night that women ex. committeee and
board of directors undertaking study to amend the bylaws
to open women membership to women...

one liner----in response to that news...

david lisey---domestic council---possible contact

carved glass eagle...

that's from the inscription on her plaque

Golden Slipper Award, Philadelphia, April 26, 1976

I am so delighted with this exquisite glass eagle and this "Spirit of Independence" award. It means so much to receive an award from the Golden Slipper, Club ~~which~~ whose members are "~~is promoting~~ independence and the well-being" of the people of Philadelphia.

I've heard so many wonderful things about the work you do with the young and the old and those in need. What I really admire about you is the time and energy you give. ~~I think sometimes~~ we've must not lose ~~lost~~ our old-fashioned neighborliness and personal concern. ~~in our giving, and it's heartwarming to hear about~~ your ~~taking~~ excursions with older citizens, ~~out on excursions~~. gym youth camp ~~And~~ and your ~~recent~~ work helping Russian immigrants ~~soundly like~~ the ~~best possible~~ way to celebrate the Bicentennial---by reaching out to others. ~~Hungarian refugees.~~

I feel wherever I go in America a return to faith in basic values. One of the most important values in our country is our belief in the worth and of each individual. Soemtimes we all need help to be independent ~~promote our independence~~...we need the strength of others to help us do for ourselves.

By your good works... you are doing that here. ~~in the city of freedom~~. You are honoring the "spirit of

independence by helping young and old stand tall and appreciate themselves.

I am deeply touched to be honored by a group that believes in people helping people! Your gift and award inspire me. Thank you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 9, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: PETER SORUM

FROM: SUSAN PORTER

SUBJECT: Action Memo

Mrs. Ford will travel to Philadelphia on Monday, April 26, 1976 primarily to attend the Golden Slipper Dinner and also to participate in the presentation of the "Stone" plate which is a copper plate of the Declaration of Independence made in 1823 at the request of John Quincy Adams. The Stone plate will be displayed at the First National Bank of the United States in Philadelphia. Mrs. Ford will return to Washington that evening. Her visit will be the day before the Pennsylvania primary. It is my understanding Jack Williams (O: 343-6195; H: 333-2243) will do the advance.

Re: Golden Slipper Club Dinner

EVENT: Reception and Dinner

GROUP: Golden Slipper Club

TIME: 6:00 Reception
7:00 Dinner

PLACE: Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia

CONTACT: Mr. Joseph Ball
O: (215) 923-9100
H: (215) 664-2041

COMMENTS: The Golden Slipper Club is one of the leading fraternal and philanthropic organizations in Philadelphia. Mrs. Ford will attend this special membership dinner at which time she will accept the "Spirit of Independence" Award for her service to the country. Originally the Golden Slipper Club had offered the Golden Globe Humanitarian Award to the President. However, Mrs. Ford will be honored in her own right in a separate recognition. The Golden Slipper Club sponsors, among other things, the Golden Slipper Camp for underprivileged boys and girls in the Pocono Mountains each summer. The Club in the past has honored Lady Bird Johnson, former President Harry Truman, Senator Hugh Scott, Dr. Martin Luther King, John Cardinal Krol, Ambassador Arthur Goldberg and Mrs. Nixon. The President of the Golden Slipper Club is Mr. Frank Brodsky. Mrs. Ford will return to Washington following this event.

Re: Stone Plate Presentation

EVENT: Participation in Presentation of Copper Plate of the Declaration of Independence (Stone Plate)

GROUP: National Archives, National Park Service, General Services Administration and Bicentennial Office

TIME: To Be Determined (Afternoon)

PLACE: To Be Determined

CONTACT: Mr. Meisel in the office of Deputy Archivist James O'Neill 523-3216
Mr. Hobart Cawood, Superintendent of Parks, National Park Service in Philadelphia (215) 923-6843

COMMENTS: Please Note: This event is not firm and will need to be pulled together by Jack on the advance. May we please stay in touch? Because excellent background from Milt Mitler is attached, I will not repeat the background. I believe Mrs. Ford's participation should be brief and will ultimately be a very nice photo opportunity. Dr. Ted Marrs and Milt Mitler of the White House Bicentennial Office have asked to be present on this occasion. Milt Mitler has asked that Hugh Scott make the announcement of the display and presentation on this plate. The file is attached.

Thank you.

c: BF Staff
Jack Williams
Red Cavaney
William Nicholson
David Lissy
Milt Mitler
Rex Scouten
Staircase

FILE ON
GOLDEN SLIPPER CLUB

Bellevue Stratford

2 yrs. ago
in 87.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

6:00 Cocktail Reception (100)

Bring a flag flown over Cap. with Hicks
for camp?
~~Bon figues~~ from the floor?

7:00 Grand Entrance
Escorted by Mr (Pres)
Grand

(600-700)

Star Sp. Ban.
Dinner
entertainment during dinner
Septy - highlights from Hope + Dills

20 min — Swearing in of new mem.
— State of the club
— award presents.

9:30
coffee + cake

# Golden Slipper Club

1315 Walnut Street, Suite 1005, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107 (215) 546-1563

January 14, 1976

- Ballroom
- Bellevue

Frank Brodsky
President

"Spirit of Independence award" BF

PRESS CONTACT: MR. BALL
O: (215) WA3-9100
H: (215) MD 4-2041

Dear Mrs. Ford:

The Golden Slipper Club is one of the leading fraternal and philanthropic organizations in the Philadelphia area for over 55 years. As the president of the organization, it is my pleasure to extend, on the organization's behalf, an invitation to you to attend our next membership meeting as our guest of honor. This will be one of the area's major Bicentennial events to turn the nations attention to Philadelphia in 1976.

The Executive Committee of the Golden Slipper would like to honor you for your service to our country, at a meeting to be held any evening of the following dates:

Monday, March 22, Thursday, March 25 or Monday, April 26 per BF.

The Golden Slipper Camp covers 750 acres in the Pocono Mountains and it has served underprivileged boys and girls, regardless of race or creed for over a quarter of a century. Its present expanded facilities allow about 730 youngsters to enjoy three-week camping sessions in the summer. The camp is supported, not only by the philanthropic efforts of the Club, but by the Federation of Jewish Agencies and the United Fund.

When President Johnson was in the White House, the club honored Mrs. Johnson. Other distinguished honorees include former President Truman, Senator Hugh Scott, Dr. Martin Luther King, John Cardinal Krol, Ambassador Arthur Goldberg and Mrs. Nixon when she was First Lady.

We sincerely hope, that since an advance booking for space is required, we may have the honor of an early favorable reply.

Sincerely,

Frank Brodsky

Frank Brodsky

Mrs. Ford
White House
Washington, D.C.

Loyalty • Charity G Good Fellowship

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put in file

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: SUSAN PORTER

FROM: DAVID LISS

SUBJECT: Golden Slipper Club

A formal invitation to Mrs. Ford will go out this week. I am told they are very flexible on timing.

The attached will give you some background.

Attachment

RAYMOND ROSEN & CO., INC. • Parkside Avenue at 51st Street • Philadelphia, Penna. 19131 • 215-878-2200

EDWARD H. ROSEN
PRESIDENT

January 5, 1976

Mr. David H. Lissy,
Associate Director-Domestic Council,
The White House,
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear David:

The other day I was talking to Frank Brodsky who is president of the Golden Slipper Club, an organization with which I am sure you are familiar, and he told me that he has been in touch with the White House. You may have guessed that he has extended an invitation to the President to come to Philadelphia to receive the Club's "Bicentennial Award."

Frank told me that Senator Scott had endorsed the request in writing and that the date is open - subject only to the requirement that it be sometime before mid-May.

There is ample precedent for a President of the United States to appear at the Golden Slipper - Harry Truman was honored in person and Ladybird Johnson and Pat Nixon were both honored while their respective husbands were in the White House.

For the record, Golden Slipper is a largely Jewish organization which operates a non-sectarian charity camp in the Pocono Mountains (800 boys and girls have visited there every year for about a quarter of a century). The other charitable works of the Slipper include scholarships, emergency welfare to victims of tragedy, an extensive program aiding senior citizens and the like.

If there is anything you can do to "push this invitation along" I would consider it a personal favor. The format could be worked out to the President's satisfaction and the political implications I think would be extremely favorable throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania. Thanks and best regards,

As always,

Ed

FILE ON
STONE PLATE

Jack Ward

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 8, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: SUSAN PORTER

FROM: MILT MITLER

Susan, at the expense of being redundant, the copper plate of the Declaration of Independence, known as the "Stone" plate after the man who made it, was offered to a group of Philadelphians who delivered petitions to the President containing more than 700,000 signatures of people desiring to have the Declaration of Independence moved to Philadelphia for the Bicentennial year.

They have happily accepted this plate as an alternative and plan to display it in the First National Bank of the United States in Philadelphia. The Archives, which has the artifact, will deliver it to Philadelphia after they have pulled several prints from the plate. The prints, which will be the first made since the original prints were run, will be accomplished by the Bureau of Engraving.

This first exact and official reproduction of the complete engrossed Declaration, a mirror image, was prepared in 1823 by order of Secretary of State John Quincy Adams. The engraver was William J. Stone. He produced the copper plate by direct impression from the original. Two hundred copies were printed on parchment and distributed to the President, members of both Houses of Congress and the Supreme Court, and to each State governor and legislature. The plate measures 25 inches by 30½ inches. The parchment facsimilies bear the name of the engraver in the corner. Stone was later allowed to print copies from his plate, on paper, for general distribution. It is believed he printed about 2,500. These copies bear his name in the lower left side. Stone facsimilies are now rare.

The contacts at the Archives are the Deputy Archivist, Dr. James O'Neill (523-3132) or Mr. Meisel (523-3216). Both are directly involved in preparing the plate for delivery. In Philadelphia, my contact has been Hobart Cawood, Superintendent of Parks, National Park Service (215-WA 3-6843). The only one I have told of the possibility was Meisel and he was cautioned to say nothing. In the other cases, I have indicated that we were just looking at alternatives and needed some information.

It is expected the display area at the Bank will be ready by May 1 with an opening day for the display on June 15. Cawood would be

James Mean

comfortable with a presentation ceremony either at the Bank or at Ben Franklin Square which will be dedicated on April 20. I believe the Square would be the better of the two for effect.

If you need any further information, please let me know.

PHILADELPHIA
3:30 APRIL 26

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 26, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: SUSAN PORTER

FROM: MILT MITLER

Mr. Meese
Mr. Dennis O'Neil
Deputy Archivist
Archives

Hobart Cawood
Spt. of Public Buildings
O: (215) WA3-6843
H: (215) 627-4982
well

Susan, Philadelphians, in their desire to have the Declaration of Independence moved from the National Archives to their city during this Bicentennial year, have produced in excess of 700,000 signatures on petitions. Those petitions were brought to the White House on March 22, 1976.

Prior to this, following surveys taken by the National Archives and the Library of Congress, it had been determined that the document is entirely too fragile to permit moving and that we should look toward alternatives.

The alternative presented to the Philadelphians was a copper engraving of the Declaration of Independence called the "Stone Plate." This engraving is a 'mirror image' of the Declaration and was produced by a man named Stone at the request of Secretary of State, John Quincy Adams, in 1823. From it were made about 200 copies for distribution to the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, Governors and other officials. In addition, Mr. Stone was permitted to draw about 2,000 copies which he sold.

The Philadelphians seemed to be quite pleased with the alternatives and arrangements which are now being made through the National Archives to deliver the plate to Philadelphia. If you think there is a possibility that the First Lady would consider making the presentation when she is there on April 26th, I would advise those involved. I believe this would be a good one and could result in some satisfactory coverage.