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PROPOSED REMARKS--Senate Wives Luncheon, May 3, 1976  
(Press will not be present for remarks)

*Final*

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If you came last year, you'll remember the Jefferson cup favors, and I thought it would be nice to give another this year.

Thanks for coming. I know it's a busy time for all of you, and I'm glad we got this chance to visit.

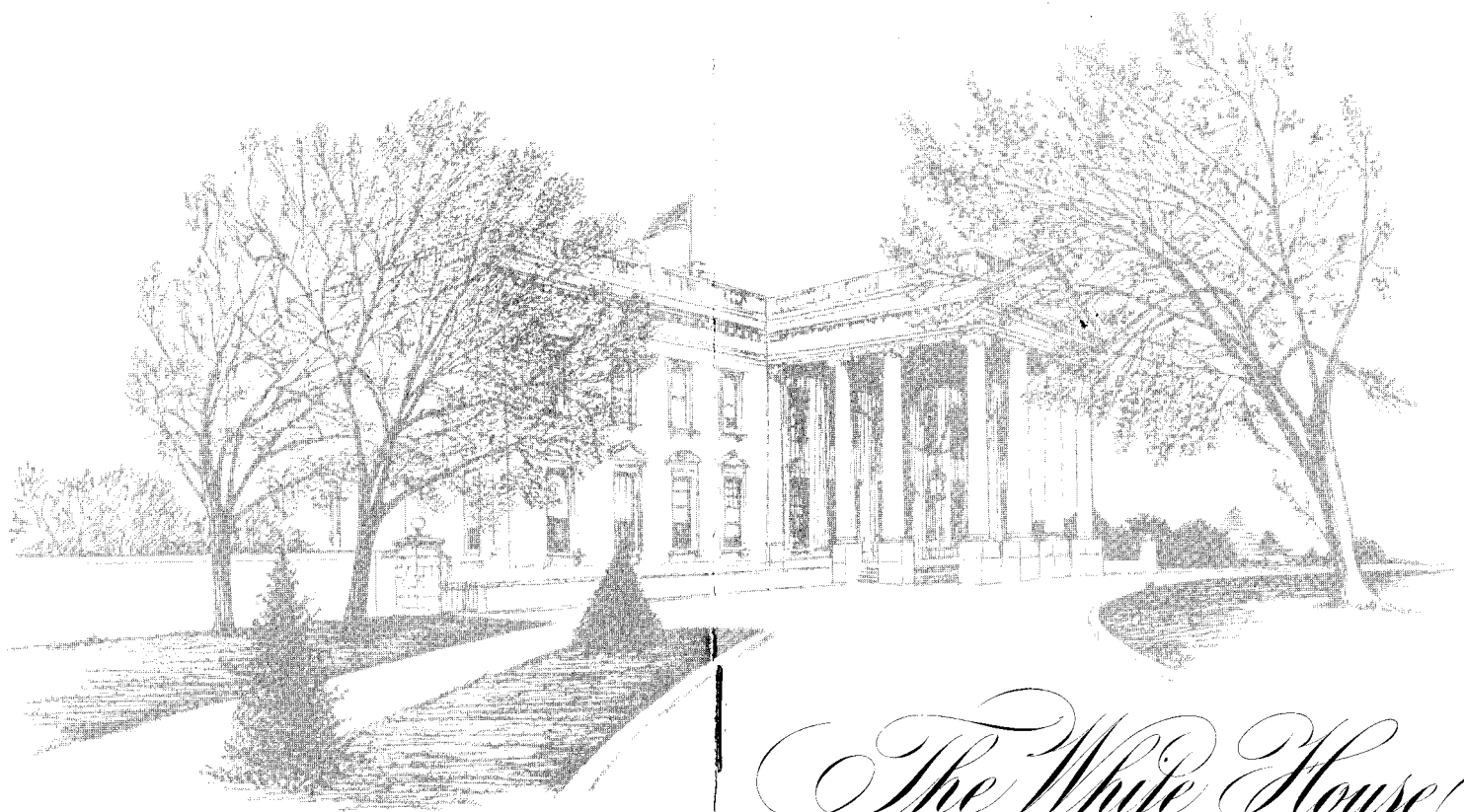
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Good afternoon. | I am just delighted | that so many of you | could make our annual luncheon today. | This luncheon is one of my favorite events, | because you know how much | I enjoy each and every opportunity | for us to get together. | I certainly appreciated | the Senate Wives luncheon at the Capitol | and the lovely quilt | which you presented to me. |

The antique dolls on the tables | are so unique | and remind me of the dolls | I collected for Susan. | One of my favorites and hers | was a Shirley Temple doll from Gramma Ford | because each of her dresses matched Susan's wardrobe. | When I saw that ~~beautiful~~ beautiful Jenny Lind doll, | I was truly surprised | to realize how many years | the custom of naming a doll | for a famous person goes back. | Perhaps some of these dolls | have also brought back | happy memories for you.

The Jefferson cups by your places | with the begonia plants | are favors for you to take home. | If you recall last year, | everyone received a Jefferson cup, | and I thought you would like | to have another ~~one~~ as a memento | of this occasion. | Perhaps many of you | have a collection as I do. |

I certainly want to thank | each of you again for coming today. | I know it's a busy time | for all of you, | and ~~I'm glad we got another chance to visit.~~ <sup>we just never gave us</sup> I'm glad | we got another chance to visit. | These visits are really | too few and far between.



*The White House*

*Senate Ladies  
Luncheon*



*May 3, 1976*



I took my dolly for a walk.  
 Before we reached the gate,  
 She kicked her little slipper off,  
 And soon she lost the mate.

I took my dolly for a ride.  
 It was a windy day.  
 She broke her pretty parasol,  
 And her bonnet blew away.

I took my dolly for a sail  
 And what did dolly do,  
 But drop her necklace overboard.  
 It was her best one, too.

The more and more I scolded her,  
 The more and more she smiled.  
 Now would you take her out again?  
 She's such a naughty child.

UNKNOWN.

# American Folk Art Dolls from the Collection of the Shelburne Museum Shelburne, Vermont

Abraham Lincoln  
 Amanda  
 Amelia  
 Amy  
 Benjamin  
 The Botanist  
 Cabyna Livingston

Ellen Louise  
 Fisherman  
 Goody Two Shoes  
 Hingham Massachusetts  
 Lady (Poor Pitiful)

Jenny Lind  
 Jonas  
 Merseann  
 Mr. McIntosh  
 Mrs. McIntosh  
 Noah Blake  
 Pamela  
 Prudence Wentworth  
 Rebecca  
 Sarah Jane

Floral Decorations  
 Courtesy of Robert King

# *Menu*

Watercress and Apple Soup

*Robert Mondavi*  
*Chenin Blanc*  
1971

Medaillons of Veal

Saffron Rice

Fresh Asparagus Vinaigrette

Lemon Sherbet with  
Fresh Strawberries

Petits Fours

Demitasse



For Immediate Release  
Monday, May 3, 1976

Mrs. Ford will host a luncheon for wives of members of the United States Senate Monday, May 1 at 1 p.m.

Antique dolls representing different periods in American history and different regions of the ~~country~~ country will be used in the ~~centerpieces~~ centerpieces.  
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Among the dolls are 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 1800s.

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

A reception will be held prior to the ~~luncheon~~ luncheon ~~of~~ on the State floor, where Mrs. Ford will mingle informally with her guests. Seating is unassigned, and each guest will draw a card to receive her table ~~number~~ number.



Wamsutta

Tablecloths of ~~blue and white~~ cotton sheets with a blue and white ~~xx~~ design will be used on the 13 round tables. *All will be set with* The Johnson china, the Kennedy crystal and the Monroe vermeil flatware ~~will be used~~ will be used.

(The tablecloths are being donated by Garfinkels.)

Each guest will receive as a favor, a Stieff pewter Jefferson Cup with a begonia planted in each. Each cup is engraved with ~~x~~ the ~~B~~ "Betty ~~xx~~ Ford" signature and the date ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ "1976" underneath the signature. This is the second year the Jefferson cups have been given as favors.

A variety of spring garden flowers, including blue delphinium, peonies, roses, lilacs, ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ lilies of the valley~~x~~ and tulips. Cut plant greens will also be used in the decorations.

The decorations are being coordinated by Robert King, a native Washingtonian, of Floral Arts Inc. of Chevy ~~Ch~~ Chase. ~~Thisxxxxxx~~ King ~~previously~~ also did the decorations for last year's ~~x~~ ~~Senate~~ Senate Wives luncheon~~x~~ and the recent State dinners for King Hussein of Jordan and the Irish Prime Minister.

The dolls ~~x~~ are ~~being~~ on loan from the ~~ES~~ Shelburne Museum Doll Collection in Shelburne, Vermont.

The menu: Watercress and Apple soup, Medaillons  
of Veal, Saffron Rice, Fresh Asparagus ~~Vianigrette~~  
Vianigrette, Lemon Sherbet with Strawberries and Demitasse.

Senate Wives Luncheon, May 3, 1976

This is really one of my favorite events of the ~~spring~~ spring, because I get to see ~~my dear friends~~ dear old friends and meet new ones. Thank you for coming today, ~~and~~ and I hope you will enjoy the Jefferson cup favor. ~~If~~ If you came last year, you'll ~~know~~ know we're trying to start a ~~new~~ tradition.

~~These antique dolls~~ These antique dolls today really are special to ~~me~~ me, because they remind me of the dolls I collected for Susan~~x~~ and ~~my daughter's~~ ~~my daughter's~~ dresses ~~so~~ I made to match. I know there are some other mothers' here whose daughters are too old for dolls now too. The Jenny Lind doll was especially interesting to me, because one of my favorite dolls is a Shirley Temple doll.

It's always ~~so nice~~ good to be with all of you, and I'm so glad you came.

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~~with you~~ The antique dolls on the tables <sup>are so unique &</sup> remind me of the dolls I collected for Susan. One of my favorites <sup>and hers</sup> was a Shirley Temple doll from Gramma Ford. When I saw that beautiful Jenny Lind <sup>wardrobe</sup> doll, I was <sup>truly</sup> surprised to realize how <sup>many years</sup> ~~far back~~ the custom of naming a doll for a famous person <sup>goes back</sup> ~~went.~~ <sup>perhaps some of</sup> ~~I hope~~ <sup>have also back</sup> these dolls ~~brought you some happy memories.~~ to you ①

If you recall last year, everyone received a Jefferson cup ~~If you came last year, you'll remember the Jefferson~~ cup favors, and I thought <sup>you would like to have another one</sup> ~~it would be nice to give another this~~ as a memento of this special occasion. <sup>Perhaps many of you</sup> ~~year.~~ <sup>have a collection as I do.</sup> I certainly want to thank each of you <sup>again</sup> for coming today.

~~Thanks for coming.~~ I know it's a busy time for all of you, and I'm glad we got <sup>another</sup> ~~this~~ chance to visit. These visits are really too few and far between.

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The Jefferson cups by your places with  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2 plants are favors for you to  
take home. (and ~~perhaps~~ join your  
collection)

Senate Luncheon in her honor.  
I certainly appreciated the ~~Senate Wives Luncheon~~ <sup>at the</sup> ~~your lovely luncheon~~ <sup>Capitol</sup>  
in my honor as well as the  
of the lovely quilt which ~~you presented home.~~ <sup>gift which you all</sup> ~~how much I love.~~

Form Immediate Release  
Monday, May 3, 1976

Mrs. Ford will host a luncheon for wives of members of the United States Senate Monday, May 1 at 1 ~~pm~~ 22 p.m.

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

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

Mrs. R Ford will mingle informally with her guests on the State floor ~~xxxxxx~~ prior to the luncheon. ~~Seatingxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Each guest will draw a card to receive her seating assignment.

Table cloths of Wamsutta cotton ~~shirts~~ with a blue and white design will be used on the 12 round tables. All will

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be set with the Johnson china, the Kennedy crystal and the ~~x~~ Monroe vermeil flatware. ~~The tablecloths are being donated by Garfinkels.~~

Each guest will receive as a favor, a Stieff pewter Jefferson Cup with a ~~x~~ begonia <sup>u</sup>plated in each. ~~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 ~~xy~~ 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 ~~of~~ for the <sup>K</sup>ing of Jordan and the ~~R~~<sup>x</sup> Irish Prime ~~Min~~<sup>x</sup> Minister and last year's Senate Wives luncheon.

The menu: Watercress and Apple soup, Medaillons of Veal, Saffron Rice, Fresh Asparagus ~~Vianigrette~~ Vianigrette, Lemon Sherbet with Strawberries and Demitasse.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SENATE LADIES LUNCHEON

May 3, 1976

1:00 p. m.

Arrival:

- 1:00 p. m. ... your guests will arrive at the Diplomatic Reception Room.
- Your guests will be escorted to the three Parlors on the State Floor.
- Dubonnet, sherry and juice will be served.
- 1:05 p. m. ... Maria Downs will escort you to the State Floor and you will proceed to the Green Room where you will join your guests for dubonnet, sherry and juice and mingle informally as you walk through the Parlors.

NOTE: There will be press coverage of your mingling informally with your guests.

Luncheon:

- Round tables
- Following dessert, you will rise and make brief remarks.

NOTE: Your gift -- Betty Ford Jefferson Cups filled with begonias -- for each of your guests will be on the tables.

After-Luncheon:

- You and your guests will proceed into the Parlors where demitasse will be served.

- You will bid farewell to your guests and return to the Family Quarters.

NOTES:

- Military String Ensemble will be playing in the Grand Hall.
- Marine Harpist will be playing in the Diplomatic Reception Room as your guests arrive.
- Military Social Aides will be present.
- A White House photographer will be present.
- A guest list is attached.

Pat Howard



For immediate release  
Monday, May 5, 1975

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

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Mrs. Ford will host a luncheon for wives of members of the United States Senate Wednesday, May 5 at 1 p.m.

The luncheon will have a Washington-Jefferson theme, reflected in the music, tablecloths, centerpieces, china and gifts.

Guests include the wife of the Vice President; present and former Senate wives; and wives of Cabinet members and Presidential counselors.

The guests will enter through the Diplomatic Reception Room, where they will be greeted by a continuing performance by the Colonial Singers and Players of Washington, D.C., a group specializing in colonial American music. The group will also perform during the luncheon.

A reception will be held prior to the luncheon on the State floor, where Mrs. Ford will join her guests and mingle informally. Seating for the luncheon is unassigned, with each guest drawing a card prior to the reception which contains a table number.

Each table will use a different set of china, representing Presidents from Washington through Lyndon Johnson. Guests will learn the set of china at their table from the card they draw. Tablecloths are made from cotton sheets in the Liberty Hall fabric by Wamsutta, a pattern adapted from the border of a pattern on a 306-piece set of china George Washington bought for about \$150. The tablecloths are being donated by Garfinkels.

Each guest will receive a favor from Mrs. Ford, a Stieff pewter Jefferson Cup with a fern planting in each. Each cup is engraved with the "Betty Ford" signature and the date "1975" underneath the signature.

There are 12 tables, with 10 guests seated at each. A centerpiece

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on each table is a silver and pewter reproduction of the Annapolis Subscription Plate Bowl, the earliest surviving piece of silver made in Maryland. It commemorates the first recorded formal horse race in the state. The bowl is 4 1/2" high, 7 1/2" in diameter and 22.35 ounces in weight. The original is owned by the Baltimore Museum of Art, where it is on permanent display.

Also on the tables will be assorted sea shells collected from various beaches. About 24 different types of shell, on loan from the Collectors Cabinet on Connecticut Avenue, will be used.

Each silver and pewter centerpiece bowl will be filled with an assortment of summer garden flowers, including lavender and white sweet peas, white butterfly roses, sonia roses, dark blue and light blue delphinium, blue cornflowers, orange and yellow mid-century lilies, peonies, sterling silver roses and cut Boston and springari ferns.

Music in the Grand Hall will be provided by the Jefferson Consort of the Marine Band, a small chamber ensemble which plays music of the classic repertoire. The Consort members are periwigged and wear period uniforms of the early 1798 Marine Band. One female member of the band will be wearing a dress of the 1798 period as there were no female members of the band at that time (1798 is the year the Marine Band was formed.) The Ensemble is named for President Jefferson who was considered the father of the Marine Band because of his personal interest in the band.

The menu: Watercress soup; Boeuff en Gelee; Cold Vegetable Salad; Lemon Mousse with Strawberries; and Demitasse.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

4/29

Kay,

I tried to see you a few times today, but I couldn't catch you in your office.

I thought you might have questions on the Senate Ladies Luncheon that you'd need answers to before you wrote your release. Maybe we can get together tomorrow morning.

FYI:

For further info on the dolls and the Shelburne Museum (the museum supplying them):

Contact: Mr. Kenneth Wheeling - 802/985-3344

For further info on the flowers and table decor and State Floor decor:

Contact: Mr. Robert King (the designer) - 362-7800

Note: Robert is coming to the White House at noon tomorrow. He, Maria, myself, Rex, Rusty will meet over in the State Dining Room to look over the museum dolls and finalize all of our decor arrangements at that time. You're welcome to join us then, and it might be a good time to get all your questions answered at once.

Linda

## DOLLS

She has a doll collection for Susan---some of ~~the~~ them have china head. her favorites are the gramma ford (president'smother)---shirley temple... had doll clothes made to match susan's clothes... whenever she's different countries...used to buy new ones...but collection is now so large...

had a hard time finding doll in russia...did find tea cozy...

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 29, 1976

FOR: SHEILA

FROM: MARIA

Attached is a copy of the menu for the  
Senate Ladies Luncheon on Mon., May 3.

A native Washingtonian,  
for the 2nd yr. Robert King  
coordinated  
~~for the~~ the decoration  
[assisted in Shah's dinner  
May 1975]

dinner for Cosgrave  
King Hussein

LUNCHEON

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Chenin Blanc  
1971

Medaillons of Veal  
Saffron Rice  
Fresh Asparagus Vinaigrette

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May 3, 1976