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November 14, 1975

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The portraits of the First Ladies being displayed at the presentation ceremony today are: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Eisenhower, Mrs. Truman, and Mrs. Madison and Mrs. Roosevelt.

Dolly Madison's portrait was obtained for the White House through the efforts of Mrs. Nixon. It is on loan from the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts--the only time they have allowed it out of house. It hangs in the Red Room where it hung when Mrs. Madison was First Lady. At that time, the Red Room was her sitting room. (It was not red.)

The objects on the table behind the platform are a watercolor painted by Mrs. Benjamin Harris when she was First Lady, an ivory fan owned by Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, and a breast pin with hair of Mrs. Zachary Taylor. These articles can be tied into the ceremony by pointing out that periodically there are displays of these personal articles of First Ladies in the White House.

Additional articles belonging to First Ladies will be displayed in the Family Dining Room, where we will have refreshments. The articles include:

- Paper and ivory fan used by Mrs. James Madison
- Book owned by Mrs. Franklin Pierce
- Letter written by Mrs. Abraham Lincoln
- Letter written by Mrs. Grover Cleveland
- Thread booklet with White House fabric selected by
Mrs. Grover Cleveland

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

REMARKS -

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FIRST LADIES BOOK

~~WHITE HOUSE GUIDE~~

~~BOOKS~~.

11:00 A.M.

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Sheila will
have typed
cards for you
before
the
event
tomorrow.
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Good morning. This is a special day for many of us. For those of you who have been involved in the preparation of the new book, The First Ladies, it's the culmination of two years of research, decisions, and a lot of hard work in putting together such a professional and well-done volume. And for me, it's particularly special. I feel strongly that for historical purposes the book needed to be done.

But also, having been familiar with the earlier publication, The Presidents of the United States of America, I'm very happy to be able to be present the day equal opportunity came to our guide books!

I have many acknowledgments I would like to make this morning. First, to the White House Historical Association for its idea and its follow-through. I also want to recognize the National Geographic Society for its total support on this and past projects. For those of you who are not aware, the National Geographic lends its people, its time, its resources, and its exceptional talent to projects like this as a public service. This book, and the three which have preceded it, are of exceptional quality in every aspect. Around the White House, we use them continually as a prime reference source. And hundreds of

visitors every day take them to their homes across the country to learn more about their country and its history. It is largely because of the National Geographic's support that we are able to offer them at such a nominal price so that people everywhere can afford to buy them. And it's largely because of their support and cooperation with the White House Historical Association that we have been able to appreciate \$975,000 from sales of the books for historic items at the White House.

We are very grateful.

Also, I want to thank the staff of the Special Publications Department of National Geographic for all its work. And a special work to the book's author, Margaret Brown Klapthor. Your professionalism, thoroughness and ability to make the history of our First Ladies sparkle will make this book live for years to come.

On a personal note, I want to say that the new book was especially meaningful to me because it provides a clearer picture of a very human side of life in the White House. Those of us who are fortunate enough to live here for that very brief period of history have our own particular styles and identities. These styles have been diverse, I'm sure, but I suspect we've had a good deal more in common than not. How we've reacted to our husband's job and pressures. . . the concerns we've had with raising our families

and keeping as normal a life as possible for them in this atmosphere . . . the public demands, and so on. Anyone who enjoys history . . . who has a curiosity about a President or First Lady . . . wants to know more about White House Life . . . or who identifies with any wife or mother will enjoy this book. I thank those of you here today for providing us with such a special insight to what has been and will continue to be a significant part of our country's history.

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(J&D) after the name indicates that the person is from Judd and Detweiler, the printers of The First Ladies. There are four persons from the company who will attend today's tea and presentation.

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