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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MRS. FORD

EVENT: Photo and coffee with participants of the four
Federal Advisory Committees on the Status of Women

DATE: Tuesday, May 6, 1975

TIME: 11:45 a.m.

PLACE: South Portico (photo)
Diplomatic Reception Room (coffee)

NUMBER: About 100



BACKGROUND: There exist at the present time four commissions in the federal government which are charged with concerns for the status of women. Although each commission meets two or three times a year, the four commissions have never met together. Thus this is an historic meeting appropriately held during International Women's Year. The meeting was called by Pat Lindh.

The participants of the four commissions will meet all morning in the Conference Room of the EOB where they will hear reports from departmental representatives, the chairpersons of each of the four commissions, and a brief report from the coordinator of the International Women's Year Commission.

The four commissions are:

- 1) Citizens' Advisory Council on the Status of Women. Mrs. Jacqueline Gutwillig, Chairman. This is a Presidential Commission to suggest and stimulate action with private institutions, organizations, and individuals working for improvement of conditions of special concern to women.
- 2) DACOWITZ (Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service).

- 3) Secretary's Advisory Committee on Women, Department of Labor.
- 4) Secretary's Advisory Committee on the Rights and Responsibilities of Women, Department of HEW.

F.Y.I., each of the groups has recommended and encouraged passage of the E.R.A.

SEQUENCE:

11:45 a.m. When the commissions' participants have come from the EOB and have gathered on the steps of the South Portico, Susan Porter will escort you to the South Portico where you will step into the photograph.

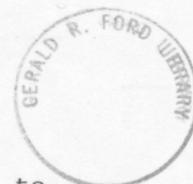
11:48 a.m. When the photos are finished, you will want to turn and face the group and informally tell them you are pleased they can all be together at the White House and invite them for coffee inside.

Mingle informally in the Diplomatic Reception Room.

12:10 p.m. Return to Family Quarters.

NOTE:

- A White House photographer will be present.
- There will be press coverage.
- Coffee will be set up in the Map and China Rooms to permit mingling throughout that whole area.



susan porter
May 5, 1975

AGENDA

ADVISORY COMMITTEES CONCERNING THE STATUS OF WOMEN

May 6, 1975

EOB Conference Rm.

- 9:15 a.m. - Gather in ~~Family Theater~~ East Wing, White House
- 9:30 a.m. - Welcoming Remarks
 William J. Baroody, Jr.
 Assistant to the President

 Patricia S. Lindh
 Special Assistant to the
 President for Women
- 9:35 a.m. - Department
 Presentations

 Department of Defense

 Bernard DeLury
 Assistant Secretary for
 Employment Standards Adm.
 Department of Labor

 William Morrill
 Assistant Secretary for
 Planning & Evaluation
 Department of HEW
- 10:05 a.m. - Questions and Answers
- 10:30 a.m. - Break
- 10:45 a.m. - Committee Chairs

 Jacqueline Gutwillig
 Citizens' Advisory Council
 on the Status of Women

 Kathleen Lawrence
 Defense Advisory Committee
 on Women in the Service

 Carmen Maymi
 Secretary of Labor's Advisory
 Committee on Women

 Osta Underwood
 Secretary of HEW's Advisory
 Committee on the Rights &
 Responsibilities of Women
- 11:15 a.m. - Questions and Answers
- 11:30 a.m. - National Commission on
 International Women's Year
 Mildred Marcy
 Coordinator
- 11:45 a.m. - White House Tour



Additional brief information on the four
Commissions:

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN: Created by Executive Order in 1963 and recently extended by President Ford, this Council is composed of 20 members appointed by the President. The Council meets about two or three times a year. It is housed in the Department of Labor. The mandate for the Council is to serve as a primary means for suggesting and stimulating action with private institutions, organizations, and individuals working for improvement of conditions of special concern to women.

In the past three years the Council has recommended adoption of the Equal Rights Amendment and published five papers on the subject, the first proposed the basic legal doctrine accepted by the proponents. They have also been action in proposing policy now adopted by the EEOC on job-related maternity benefits.

DACOWITS (Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service): This Committee makes recommendation only on women in the service and has not dealt with issues concerning women in the civilian workforce at the Department of Defense. To our knowledge they have not addressed the issue of women in the military academies. They have worked for equal entitlements for women in the service and particularly married women in the service. A study was also done on the housing situation for women in the service. They hold regional meetings as well as meetings in Washington.

SECRETARY'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR: Created by Secretary Brennan in 1974, this Committee is composed of 16 women and 2 men appointed by the Secretary. This Committee has met twice. One of their subcommittee is working on manpower legislation.

SECRETARY'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF WOMEN, DEPARTMENT OF HEW: Created by Elliott Richardson in 1972, this Committee is composed of 16 women and 3 men appointed by the Secretary. They have submitted two annual reports to the Secretary dealing with such issues as the Title IX Regulations for the Education Amendments of 1972 currently in the White House awaiting Presidential signature, national health insurance, social security, and others.