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FACT SHEET Mrs. Ford's Office



Event Tou		
	ves of Delegates of the IMF and World Bank Annual	
DATE/TIME	September 4, 1975 2:30 p.m. Tour - 3:15 p.m	n. Tea
Contact John	n Gartland and Mrs. Jeffries	Phone 797-2150
Number of gu	uests: Total 250 Women x Men	Children
Place State	te Floor - State Dining Room	
Principals inve	volved Mrs. Ford (possible drop-by)	
Participation	by Principal (possible drop-by) (Receiving line) mi	ngle informally
	uired none	
Background _	The Delegates of the IMF and World Bank are hav	ing their annual meeting
_	in Washington, D. C. during this week.	
	REQUIREMENTS	
Social:	Guest list yes (Mrs. Jeffries to Pat Howard)	
		no Menus no
	Refreshments yes	
	Entertainment no	
	Decorations/flowers yes	
	Music yes	
	Social Aides yes	
	Dress Afternoon Dress	Coat check no
	Other	
Press:	Reporters TO BE RESOLVED	
	Photographers	
	TV Crews	
	White House Photographers yes Color ye	s Mono.
	Other	
Technical		
Support:	Microphones nc PA Ot	her Rooms no
	Recording no	
	Lights no	
	Transportation Buses (5) arrive at East Gate for 3	Cour »
	Parking North Grounds	
	Housing	
	Other (Risers, stage, p	olatforms)
Project Co-ord	rdinator Pat Howard	Phone 2927

Site diagrams should be attached if technical support is heavy.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 3, 1975



MRS. FORD:

Event:

Tour/Tea for the Wives of Delegates of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group Annual Meeting

Date/Time:

September 4, 1975 Tour: 2:30 p.m. Tea: 3:15 p.m.

Place:

State Floor

Number of Attendees:

Approximately 250 ladies

Principals:

Mrs. William E. Simon, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury
Mrs. Robert S. McNamara, wife of the President of the
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Schedule of Events:

2:30 p.m.

Your guests will arrive through the East Gate and will be escorted on a special tour of the White House.

Following the tour, your guests will be escorted to the State Dining Room where refreshments will be served to your guests.

3:15 p.m.

You will be escorted via elevator to the State Floor where you will mingle informally with your guests.

3:40 p.m.

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

NOTES:

A String Ensemble will be positioned in the Grand Hall.

Military Social Aides will be present.

A White House photographer will be present.

Background information is attached.

Guest list is attached.

AASE, W. - Norway

AGUAVIADOR, A. - Philippines

AKEL, F. - Yemen Arab Rep.

Al-Saghban, N. - Iraq

AKUNCI - Turkey

AMNA, V. - Western Samoa

AMARAL , O. - Portugal

ARISTEGUIETA, R. - Venezuela

ARREA, M.E. - Costa Rica

ALAOUI - Morocco

ARORA - India

ALI ATTIBA - OAPEC

AUDGILD Petersen - Norway

AYARI - Arab Bank for Economic Development in AYOUBI, S. - Syrian Arab Republic

BARCELON, T.A. - Philippines

BASAK, A.K. - India

BATTIWALLA - India

Because, P. - Senegal

BELL, T.B.C. - U.S.

BELL, B.M. - Andaina

BALDWIN - U.S.A.

BEDROSSIAN, R. - U.K.

BOHR - U.S.A.

BENGELLOUN (MS.) - Morocco

BENGELLOUN (Mrs.) - Morocco

BENNETT, Jack F. - U.S.A.

BICALLIO, Celia - Brazil

BLACKMAN, Gloria - Barbados

BRUCE, A.S.

BOEUW, G.K. - Canada

BREKKE, N. - Norway

BRENNIER - France

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BROWN, V.B. - U.S.A.

BROWNE, J. - South Africa.

BURKE, E. - Scotland

Burgess, R. - USA

CABELLO, Alba - Spain

Exter, John - U.S.A.

CALLAGHAN - Australia.

ELESPURU - Peru

CARAM, Yolanda - Argentina (2)

EL FIHRI - Morocco

DE CARVALHO, E.M. - BRAsil

ESPINOSA. I. - Colombia

CERON - Spain

FINAIJH, H. - Lybian Arab Rep.

CHARIF, M. - Syrian Arab Republic

FINCH - Australia

FOGLIZZO - France

CHERNICK, Sarra - Canadian

Franco H. - E.D.

CHESSELL, S. - Australia

CHONG Ngoh - Malaysia

CONEA, M.B. - Brasil

GACHECHEH M.J. - Kenya

CLYDESWIR - U.K.

DE MIRANDA, J. - Netherlands

GFANI M. - Israel

GABR E. - Egypt

DEANE, Lorraine - Commonwealth Secretariat GAREISS H. - U.S.A.

DEANE - New Zealand

GANIDIA M. - El Salvador

DENN, P. - U.K.

GENIA - Uganda

DE PALOMO, A.M - Guatemala

GIL-ORE Y. - URUGUAY

DELMA DE GONZALEZ - Central American

GUEN I. - Tunisia

Monetary Council

GUNTER - U.S.A.

HABANANDA - France

DOUVELLE, O. - Canada

HABERLER G. - U.S.A.

EMMONBEUI, I. - Venezuela

ERGENEKON, Y. - Turkey

Nepey y- Egypt

HALL A. - Sweden

HARPHAM R.C. - U.S.A.

HASCHEK - Austria

HAUSLAGE - Germany

HAYDEN W.G. - Australia

HEALY D. - U.K.

HENNIGUEAU - France

HODJERA I. - Ecuador

HORWOOD O.P.E. - South Africa

HOOI LAI HOOUG - Malaysia

HORIE S. - Japan

HOST-MADSEN -- Malawi

MRS. HOWELL W.R. & daughter - U.S.A.

IMADY E. - Syria

INOUE U. - Rep. of the Philippines

JACOBS C.A. - Caribbean

JAPHET E. - Israel

JENE - Senegal

JISKOOT - Holland

JOHNSON - Sierra Leone

JOYCE R.K. - Canada

KAMMERT J. - U.S.A.

KAPUR - India

KARTADJOEMENA R.A. - Indonesia

KATABI N. - Syria

KEARNS H. - U.S.A.

HERMANS H.C.L. - BotswanaHILAIRE CHANETON E.B, - Argentina

KEIDEL G.E. - U.S.A.

KELLY Th. J. - U.S.A.

KETTANI - Morocco

KIINGI M. - UGANDA

KJAER H. Denmark

KORIE

RAILI L. - Finland

LAMBERT A. - Canada

LANEROLLE L. - Sri Lanka

LAKOUE - Centrafrique

JARGAS GAVILLANO - Peru

LANGELAAR - Holland

MEVLEMANS 1. - Belgium

MEDL- U.S.A.

LANGER - Germany

MICHURI J.E. - Kenya

LAWHER O.T. - U.S.A.

MORECHI L. - Italy

LAYCOCK P. - Canada

MOUASTERIU J.M.U. - Mexico

LE CLERCK - Belgium

MUAWANSHIKU L.S. - Zambia

LEDOUX - France

MURRAY C.H. - Ireland

LOMAX M. - U.K.

NEUFELD - Canada

LOPEEZ SOLTS C. - Nicaragua

NIANG - Senegal ,

LOUW-MILLET A. - Belgium

NIMATALLAH Y.A. - Oman

MACDONALD N. - Canada

NORLAND G.E. - England

MACUJA S. - Philippines

NYMARK J. - Canada

MALDONADO H. - Mexico

NYREN J. - Swaden

McNAMARA, M. - U.S.

OBELA D. - People Rep. of Congc

MANAS - Spain

OORT C.P. - Netherlands

MARAL K. - Turkey

OYE-MAA - Gabon

MACHLUP M. - U.S.A.

PALMER M. - England

MCLAUGHLIN P.A. _ Australia

PEHOUA - Central African Republ

McNEIL F. - Enada

PERRY S. - U.N.

MEDICI V.A. - Malta

PERRY S. - New Zealand

MELVILLE A.G. - U.S.A.

POGNON - Dahomey

PORGES J.M. - U.S.A.

POOCHIDERI J. - Uruguay

REA D. - New Zealand

RENOUVELLES A. - Spain

RENOMBO - Gabon

REYES I. - Philippines

REYES M. - PHilippines

RUCGARDSIB - U.K.

LADY RINGADOO - Mauritius

RIVERA T.R. - Philippines

ROSOLES - H. - El Salvador

ROSANIA L. - Italy

RYE C.R. - Australia

SACERDOTI E. - Italy

SANTISTEVAN - South America

SCHROEDER A. - Uruguay

SCHREIBER H. - Germany

SCHWEITZER, Mrs. - Australia

SIGURDS SON L. - Iceland

SIMBA K. E.A. Community

SIMPSON J. - Shuth Africa

SINDIONK M. Philippines

SMITH B.H. - New Zealand

SPITERI S. - MAlta

SZANEJA N. - India

TAGLE m. - Philippines

TCHANOUE P. - Cameroun

TEMBO R. - Malawi

TILAKARATNA - Sri Lanka

TIZARD R.J. - New Zealand

TVEDT E. - Norway

UNAKUL - Thailand

UPASANI A. - India

VAN HUYAATSEN D.P.S. - Sauth Africa

VEN DER VALK - Bahamas

TENKATARAMANAN H. - India

TOURE, - Mauritania

WESTERMAN - Australia

WHITAKER N. - Ireland

WITTEVEEN, L. - Netherlands

YAMAUCHI H. - Japan

YOSHIOKE - Japan

ZETTERSTROM - U.S.A.

ZINNER G. - Brazil

ZULU G.F.K. - Zambia



Women's Program

1975

Welcome to the Annual Meetings

Please choose the activities you wish to attend, indicate your choices on the detachable R.S.V.P., and leave it at the Women's Hospitality Center in the Sheraton-Park Hotel lobby as soon as possible.

Wives from the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund will be present to help you. They will be wearing red badges. Language assistance will be available.

We look forward to seeing you at these various activities.

Mrs. Robert S. McNamara Mrs. H. Johannes Witteveen

and

The Women's Hospitality Committee:

World Bank Group: Mrs. Claude Isbister

Mrs. Donald W. Jeffries

Mrs. E. Peter Wright

1.M.F.: Mrs. C. David Finch Mrs. John W. Gunter

1975 ANNUAL MEETINGS, BOARDS OF GOVERNORS World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund Sheraton-Park Hotel, Washington, D. C.

	WOMEN'S PROGRAM		H.S.V.P.
Monday, September 1 12:30	WELCOMING BUFFET LUNCHEON at the World Bank, 701–19th Street, N.W. (Buses available at the Sheraton-Park Hotel at 12:15) followed by		Monday, September 1 WELCOMING BUFFET LUNCHEON at the World Bank followed by
2:30-4:45	SIGHT-SEEING TOUR OF WASHINGTON (English, French and Spanish speaking guides)		SIGHT-SEEING TOUR OF WASHINGTON
Tuesday, September 2 9:30-2:30	BOAT TRIP TO MOUNT VERNON AND TOUR of the first President's home and grounds Mrs. McNamara and Mrs. Witteveen, hostesses Luncheon will be served aboard the boat.		Tuesday, September 2 BOAT TRIP TO MOUNT VERNON Tour and Luncheon Mrs. McNamara and Mrs. Witteveen, hostesses
Wednesday, September 9:30-12:30	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR PROGRAM Main speaker: Mrs. Helvi Sipila, Assistant Secretary General, United Nations (Simultaneous interpretation—French and Spanish) Sheraton-Park Hotel, Meeting Room No. 4		Wednesday, September 3 ☐ INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR PROGRAM
Thursday, September 4 9:30-12:00	TOUR OF THE NATIONAL COLLECTION OF FINE ARTS and a special visit with the Director of the Gallery, Dr. J. C. Taylor		Thursday, September 4 NATIONAL COLLECTION OF FINE ARTS or
9:30-2:30	BRETTON WOODS RECREATION CENTER Swimming, tennis or golf Buffet lunch		BRETTON WOODS RECREATION CENTER Swimming, tennis or golf (underline which) Buffet lunch
2:30-4:00	HISTORIC TOUR OF THE WHITE HOUSE		☐ HISTORIC TOUR OF THE WHITE HOUSE
	ns of special interest will be shown daily at the Sheraton-Park	K Hotel.	Please check both boxes for each activity you plan to attend. Turn this R.S.V.P. slip in to the Women's Hospitality Center Sheraton-Park Hotel lobby, and keep the program for your reference.
Look for announcement of titles and times at the Women's Hospitality Center. Transportation: All buses will depart from and return to the Sheraton-Park Hotel at the times			Name
indicated. The only exception will be the buses for the sight-seeing tour on September 1, which will leave from the World Bank.		nber 1, į	Country
Personal Escorts: Volunteers are available for assistance in shopping or making a special visit. Please make your request at the Women's Hospitality Center, indicating language requirement, if any.			Hotel
		1	Room Number

1975 ANNUAL MEETINGS, BOARDS OF GOVERNORS

World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR PROGRAM

Sheraton-Park Hotel—Meeting Room No. 4
Wednesday, September 3, 9:30 a.m.

"Reflections on the Status of Women: World's Majority Minority"

SPEAKERS:

- Helvi Sipila—Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations. Lawyer. Member of the Finnish Delegation to the U.N. since 1966. Responsible for having 1975 declared International Women's Year. Involved in social and humanitarian matters, the status of women, racial discrimination, and human rights.
- Estelle R. Ramey—Scientist. Degrees in chemistry and endocrinology. Leader and active in Women's Rights Movement in the United States. Teacher and researcher. Member of the Commission on Human Resources of the National Academy of Sciences, and President of the Association of Women in Science.
- **Teresa Orrego de Figueroa**—Sociologist. Trained in her native Chile and in the U.S. Worked in socio-economic organizations and Pan American Health Organization. Has many publications on marginality, youth problems and women's participation.
- Pushpa N. Schwartz—Economist. Native of India. Concerned with international development, women in development. Has been associated with the National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences, the Commission on International Development, and the United Nations.

Ver programa en español al reverso.

Côté à conserver.

Remettre au centre d'accueil la partie écrite en anglais.

PROGRAMME RESERVE AUX DAMES

12h30	BUFFET DE BIENVENUE au siège de la Banque Mondiale (701, 19th Street, NW) Départ des autocars de l'hôtel Sheraton-Park à 12h15 Suivi d'un		
14h30-16h45	TOUR GUIDÉ DE WASHINGTON (guides parlant anglais, français et espagnol)		
Mardi 2 septembre 9h30-14h30	EXCURSION EN BATEAU A MT. VERNON ET VISITE de la demeure du premier Président des Etats-Unis, en compagnie de Mesdames McNamara et Witteveen le déjeuner sera servi sur le bateau		
Mercredi 3 septembre 9h30-12h30	PROGRAMME DE L'ANNÉE INTERNATIONALE DE LA FEMME Conférencière: Mme Helvi Sipila, Sous-secrétaire générale aux Nations Unies (interprétation simultanée en français et en espagnol) Hôtel Sheraton-Park, salle No 4		
Jeudi 4 septembre 9h30-12h00	VISITE DE LA "NATIONAL COLLECTION OF FINE ARTS" (peintures et sculptures américaines) sous la conduite de son Directeur, M. J.C. Taylor		
	ou		
9h30-14h30	MATINÉE DE DÉTENTE AU CENTRE DES LOISIRS DE BRETTON WOODS (natation, tennis ou golf) Buffet		
14h30-16h00	VISITE GUIDÉE DE LA MAISON BLANCHE		
Films documentaires: Il s'agit de documentaires portant sur divers sujets qui seront projetés			

chaque jour à l'hôtel Sheraton-Park. Les titres de ces films et l'heure des séances seront affichés au Centre d'accueil.

Transport: Tous les autocars partiront de l'hôtel Sheraton-Park et reviendront au même endroit aux heures indiquées, sauf le 1er septembre, jour du tour guidé de Washington. Ce jour là ils partiront du siège de la Banque Mondiale.

Escortes personnelles: Des dames seront à votre disposition à titre bénévole pour vous accompagner aux points d'intérêt ou dans les magasins. Veuillez faire votre demande auprès des responsables du Centre d'accueil en indiquant, le cas échéant, si vous avez besoin d'une accompagnatrice parlant votre langue.

Programme en français au verso.

Sirvase quarder esta hoja para su información y entregar la hoja en inglés en el Centro de Recepción.

PROGRAMA PARA LAS SEÑORAS

Lunes, 1° de septiembre 12:30	ALMUERZO DE BIENVENIDA en la sede del Banco Mundial, 701–19th Street, N.W. (Los autobuses saldrán del Hotel Sheraton-Park a las 12:15 horas)	
2:30 a 4:45	seguido de una GIRA TURISTICA DE LA CIUDAD DE WASHINGTON (Servicios de guías en inglés, francés y español)	
Martes, 2 de septiembre 9:30 a 2:30	EXCURSION EN BARCO A MOUNT VERNON Y VISITA a la antigua residencia del primer Presidente de los Estados Unidos, acompañadas por la Sra. McNamara y la Sra. Witteveen El almuerzo será servido a bordo	
Miércoles 3 de septiembre 9:30 a 12:30	PROGRAMA SOBRE EL AÑO INTERNACIONAL DE LA MUJER Principal oradora: Sra. Helvi Sipila, Subsecretaria General de las Naciones Unidas (Interpretación simultánea en francés y español) Hotel Sheraton-Park, Sala de Conferencias No. 4	
Jueves, 4 de septiembre 9:30 a 12:00	VISITA A LA "NATIONAL COLLECTION OF FINE ARTS" y entrevista especial con el Director, Dr. J. C. Taylor	
9:30 a 2:30	CENTRO DE RECREO BRETTON WOODS: Natación, tenis o golf Almuerzo	
2:30 a 4:00	VISITA ESPECIAL A LA CASA BLANCA	
	En el Hotel Sheraton-Park se proyectarán diariamente películas	de

interés especial. En el Centro de Recepción aparecerán los anuncios con los títulos y horas.

Transporte: Todos los autobuses saldrán del Hotel Sheraton-Park y regresarán al mismo a las horas indicadas. La única excepción será el servicio de autobuses para la gira turística prevista el 1 de septiembre, cuyo punto de partida será la sede del Banco Mundial.

Servicios de acompañantes voluntarias: Las señoras que deseen ir de compras o realizar alguna visita especial podrán contar con los servicios de voluntarias. Se ruega solicitar estos servicios en el Centro de Recepción, indicando el idioma preferido.



THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

1975 ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARDS OF GOVERNORS
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND
AND
INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

Sheraton Park Hotel Tuesday, September 2, 1975

Departure: 9:25 A.M.

From: Terry O'Donnello

BACKGROUND

You will address the 30th Joint Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank Group at their meeting Tuesday morning at the Sheraton Park Hotel. The audience will number approximately 3,200.

A background paper prepared by Secretary Simon is attached at Tab A.

SEQUENCE

9:25 am

Board motorcade on South Grounds and depart en route Sheraton Park Hotel.

9:30 am Opening session of the Annual Meetings is called to order.

9:37 am

Arrive Sheraton Park Hotel where you will be met by:

Mr. Jumersindo Rodriguez (Venezuela), Chairman of the World Bank Mr. Alfredo Lafee (Venezuela), Chairman of the International Monetary Fund

Mr. Johannas Witteveen (The Netherlands), Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund

Mr. Robert S. McNamara, President of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank)

Secretary William Simon

Mr. Dana Brantley, Deputy Secretary of the Annual Meetings

Mr. Nord Schwiebert, General Manager of the Sheraton Park Hotel

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Following the announcement, escorted by Messrs. Rodriguez, Lafee, Witteveen, McNamara, Brantley, and Secretary Simon, you proceed through Delegates seating to lower rostrum and take your seat.

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OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

9:42 am

Introduction of you by Secretary Simon.

9:43 am

Presidential remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

9:48 am

Remarks conclude.

9:49 am

Escorted by Messrs. Rodriguez, Lafee, McNamara, Brantley, and Secretary Simon proceed through Delegate's seats to rear exit.

NOTE: The escort group will bid farewell at the motorcade.

9:55 am

Board motorcade and depart Sheraton Park Hotel en route South Grounds.

10:07 am

Arrive South Grounds.



THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

Subject: IMF/IBRD Annual Meetings

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International Monetary Fund. The Fund is designed to promote international monetary cooperation and the removal and avoidance of restrictions on world trade and payments. The Fund provides temporary (3-5 year) balance of payments assistance to members to help them adjust to imbalances without recourse to measures destructive of national or international prosperity. The Fund's resources derive from the quota subscriptions of its members. National quotas are based on countries' economic and financial strength, and determine countries' voting rights and access to credit. Total quotas amount to about \$35 billion. The U.S., which has the largest quota, about \$8 billion, has a major voice in the institution.

The IMF is governed by a Board of Governors on which each country is represented by a Governor and an Alternate Governor. The Board meets once a year and sets general policy. The actual operations are administered by a smaller board of 20 Executive Directors. The five largest members — the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, France, and Japan — are each represented by an Executive Director; the other 15 are elected by groups of countries. The Chief Executive Officer of the Fund is called the Managing Director. H. Johannes Witteveen, the current Managing Director, is from the Netherlands.

The IMF's Articles of Agreement constitute the basic rules of the international monetary system, and the membership in recent years has been concerned with major reform of the Articles. Negotiations on two changes of basic interest to the U.S. -- dealing with phasing gold out of the system and legalization of floating exchange rates -- are in process, as are discussions on an increase in IMF quotas by about 1/3. In addition, the U.S. will be supporting action in the Fund

to enable it to better meet the balance of payments financing needs of the developing countries in the present situation.

World Bank Group. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development was created parallel with the IMF in 1945 to make or guarantee loans for productive reconstruction and development projects, primarily using borrowed funds, along with some paid-in capital. The Bank's capital and lending risks are shared by member nations in accordance with their economic strength, in line with quotas in the IMF.

While the Bank's initial focus was on post-war European reconstruction, the main work of the Bank today is to lend funds and provide technical assistance for development projects in the less developed member countries.

The World Bank has two affiliate organizations: the International Finance Corporation, created in July 1953, which helps to mobilize private capital and provides risk capital for the establishment, improvement, and expansion of private enterprise; and the International Development Association, established in September 1960, which provides loans at low interest rates and long maturities to the poorest nations.

World Bank loans are made for specific projects, and borrowers must meet certain standards. These include: the priority of the project for economic development, its technical and economic soundness, reasonable assurance that the loan will be repaid and that the project will be well managed.

The President of the World Bank is an American. The current President is Robert McNamara. The World Bank has 126 member countries.

At present, our main concerns in the World Bank Group are to focus its efforts more heavily on private sector development and mineral development -- for which we support a replenishment of the capital of the International Finance Corporation. We are also concerned about the very rapid expansion -- recent and projected -- of World Bank program levels.

William E. Simon

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Subject: IMF/IBRD Annual Meetings

On Tuesday morning, September 2, you will be addressing the 30th joint annual meetings of the Board of Governors of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group. As in the past, these meetings provide an excellent opportunity for senior policy officials to discuss key international economic issues. Most free-world nations are members of the two institutions (they have membership of 127 and 126 countries respectively). Most will be represented by finance ministers and central bank governors -- I am the U.S. Governor for both institutions. The audience will number about 3,200. Brief notes on the purposes and structure of the two institutions, and on current issues, are provided below.

International Monetary Fund. The Fund is designed to promote international monetary cooperation and the removal and avoidance of restrictions on world trade and payments. The Fund provides temporary (3-5 year) balance of payments assistance to members to help them adjust to imbalances without recourse to measures destructive of national or international prosperity. The Fund's resources derive from the quota subscriptions of its members. National quotas are based on countries' economic and financial strength, and determine countries' voting rights and access to credit. Total quotas amount to about \$35 billion. The U.S., which has the largest quota, about \$8 billion, has a major voice in the institution.

The IMF is governed by a Board of Governors on which each country is represented by a Governor and an Alternate Governor. The Board meets once a year and sets general policy. The actual operations are administered by a smaller board of 20 Executive Directors. The five largest members — the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, France, and Japan — are each represented by an Executive Director; the other 15 are elected by groups of countries. The Chief Executive Officer of the Fund is called the Managing Director. H. Johannes Witteveen, the current Managing Director, is from the Netherlands.

The IMF's Articles of Agreement constitute the basic rules of the international monetary system, and the membership in recent years has been concerned with major reform of the Articles. Negotiations on two changes of basic interest to the U.S. -- dealing with phasing gold out of the system and legalization of floating exchange rates -- are in process, as are discussions on an increase in IMF quotas by about 1/3. In addition, the U.S. will be supporting action in the Fund to enable it to better meet the balance of payments financing needs of the developing countries in the present situation.

World Bank Group. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development was created parallel with the IMF in 1945 to make or guarantee loans for productive reconstruction and development projects, primarily using borrowed funds, along with some paid-in capital. The Bank's capital and lending risks are shared by member nations in accordance with their economic strength, in line with quotas in the IMF.

While the Bank's initial focus was on post-war European reconstruction, the main work of the Bank today is to lend funds and provide technical assistance for development projects in the less developed member countries.

The World Bank has two affiliate organizations: the International Finance Corporation, created in July 1953, which helps to mobilize private capital and provides risk capital for the establishment, improvement, and expansion of private enterprise; and the International Development Association, established in September 1960, which provides loans at low interest rates and long maturities to the poorest nations.

World Bank loans are made for specific projects, and borrowers must meet certain standards. These include: the priority of the project for economic development, its technical and economic soundness, reasonable assurance that the loan will be repaid and that the project will be well managed.

The President of the World Bank is an American. The current President is Robert McNamara. The World Bank has 126 member countries.

At present, our main concerns in the World Bank Group are to focus its efforts more heavily on private sector development and mineral development -- for which we support a replenishment of the capital of the International Finance Corporation. We are also concerned about the very rapid expansion -- recent and projected -- of World Bank program levels.

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