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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

FUNDRAISING RECEPTION AT THE CAPITOL HILL CLUB

Wednesday - September 10, 1975

Departure:

6:55 P.M.

Dress:

Informal

From:

Terry O'Donnell



BACKGROUND:

A \$1,000 per couple fundraising reception for the National Republican Club of Capitol Hill will be held this evening at the Club building. This reception is one element of an overall plan for placing the Club on solid financial footing.

This evening is billed as a "Reception and Buffet" honoring the President, Mrs. Ford, the Vice President, and Mrs. Rockefeller. The evening's activities are informal and are scheduled to commence at 6:00 p.m. Approximately 300 guests are expected to attend.

You will mingle with the guests in the Eisenhower Lounge and in the MacArthur Dining Room and, following introduction by Harold Collier, deliver brief remarks.

SEQUENCE:

6:55 p.m.

You and Mrs. Ford board motorcade on South Grounds and depart en route Capitol Hill Club.

7:00 p.m.

Arrive Capitol Hill Club where you will be met by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Collier, Capitol Hill Club President and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marke, Reception Chairman.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

Escorted by greeters, you and Mrs. Ford proceed to Eisenhower Lounge and informally greet guests.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 300 Total

NOTE:

This is dependent upon how many are present. If everyone has moved upstairs, you will go directly to the MacArthur Dining Room.

7:20 p.m.

You and Mrs. Ford proceed to MacArthur Dining Room and informally greet guests.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

7:37 p.m.

You and Mrs. Ford, Vice President and Mrs. Rockefeller, and Harold Collier proceed to platform.

NOTE:

The Vice President will have already spoken to the group prior to your arrival.

7:39 p.m.

Harold Collier introduces you.

7:40 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS. (Airport stand available)

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

7:45 p.m.

Your remarks conclude. You and Mrs. Ford depart MacArthur Dining Room en route motorcade, board, and depart for the White House.

8:00 p.m.

Arrive South Grounds.

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The Board of Governors of the Capitol Hill Club cordially invites you to attend a Reception and Buffet honoring The President of the United States and Mrs. Gerald Ford The Vice President of the United States and Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller at the Capitol Hill Club 300 First Street S. E. Washington, D. C. 20003 6 to 8 P.M. Wednesday, September 10, 1975 \$1,000 per couple Dress Informal (Important Information Inside)

Capitol Hill Club **FACT CARD**

You are aware that your Club has been experiencing financial difficulties over the past several years. Many steps have been taken to help alleviate this situation. We are pleased to say the Club currently is operating in the black and negotiations are underway for the out right purchasing of your Club.

To further help us in solving our problem for the purchase of the building, President and Mrs. Ford and Vice President and Mrs. Rockefeller have graciously agreed to be with us for a fund raising reception on the evening of September 10, 1975 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Club. We are limiting the number of tickets to 300 at \$1000 each. Each ticket will admit one couple (any two people). This is not a political campaign contribution in any manner, but a donation to your Club.

Since we are limiting the number of tickets, we are informing you as a Club member of this affair five days prior to others. We will accept donations on a first come first serve basis.

This reception is very important for the long-term stability of your Club and also provides an excellent opportunity for you to visit with President and Mrs. Ford and Vice President and Mrs. Rockefeller. Since we expect an enthusiastic response, your early reply will be greatly appreciated by all involved.

Harold R. Collier

President