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Note: The President will be having a 6:00 event, thus it will be impt. to conclude with dispatch.

Note: A coat check might be a good idea. Tour Officers stand-by for tour.

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FACT SHEET
Mrs. Ford's Office

Event Refreshments following Mrs. Ford's visit to the M.L.King Library
Group Children from Jack and Jill, Inc. and Library
DATE/TIME Wednesday, January 14, 1976 around 4:00 p.m.
Contact -- Phone _____

Number of guests: Total 30 Women x Men x Children 18
Place Diplomatic Reception Room
Principals involved Mrs. Ford, briefly
Participation by Principal mingle (Receiving line) _____
Remarks required No
Background Following her visit to the M.L.King Library Mrs. Ford has asked the children accompanying her to join her for some simple refreshments along with a few people from the library.

REQUIREMENTS

Social: Guest list _____
Invitations _____ Programs _____ Menus _____
Refreshments Yes: cokes for the children, coffee and tea, cookies
Entertainment _____
Decorations/flowers Yes, normal for Dip.Rm.
Music _____
Social Aides _____
Dress _____ Coat check _____
Other _____

Press: Reporters Y3s
Photographers Yes
TV Crews -
White House Photographers Yes Color _____ Mono. _____
Other _____

Technical Support: Microphones _____ PA Other Rooms _____
Recording _____
Lights _____
Transportation _____
Parking The cars bringing the children to the WH at 2:30 will remain parked on the South Drive. They will enter thru the South West Gate. (Risers, stage, platforms) _____
Housing _____
Other Pete Sorum is handling the out-of-house visit.
Project Co-ordinator Susan Porter, the in-house refreshments Phone x2850

Site diagrams should be attached if technical support is heavy.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 14, 1976

NOTE FOR THE RECORD

Mrs. Ford presented to the Martin Luther King Library a set of four hardback White House Historical Association books each inscribed as follows:

To the Martin Luther King
Library with warmest regards.

Betty Ford
January 14, 1976



Nancy Carolyn

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 10, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: PETER SORUM
FROM: SUSAN PORTER
SUBJECT: Action Memo

Mrs. Ford has accepted the following out-of-house invitation:

EVENT: Visit to the Martin Luther King Memorial Library (D.C. Public Library)

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PANIED BY: Approximately 18 children from the D.C. Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

DATE: Wednesday, January 14, 1976

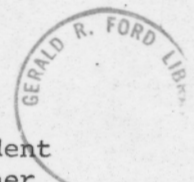
TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Martin Luther King Memorial Library
901 G Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C.

CONTACT: Dr. Hardy R. Franklin, Librarian, Martin Luther King Library
O: 727-1101
H: 575-1694
PRESS CONTACT: Mr. Larry Molumby, 727-3036

COMMENTS: One of the first invitations Mrs. Ford received upon becoming First Lady was an invitation, as a new resident of the District of Columbia, to visit the Martin Luther King Memorial Library. Although Mrs. Ford was unable to do this immediately, the Library was happy to leave this as an open invitation. With the approach of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on Thursday, January 15th, Mrs. Ford would like to visit these new facilities (designed by Mies vander Rohe) and will take with her approximately 18 children from the D.C. Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

Jack and Jill is a national non-profit service organization dedicated to the interests of children. The Washington Chapter was founded in 1940. It's membership consists



of children (ages 3-19) and their parents. The purpose of Jack and Jill is to create a medium of contact for children and to provide for them an educational, cultural, civic, recreational, and social program and to seek for all children the same advantages and opportunities. Mrs. Ford served as Honorary Chairman of Jack and Jill's Christmas Shop Luncheon on behalf of their program throughout the city.

The President of the D.C. Chapter is Mrs. Opal Hyde (723-6374). She will make the contacts with the children and their parents. The children will arrive in cars via the Southwest Gate by 2:30. They then will transfer into White House vans for their outing to the Library. If possible, I think Mrs. Ford would like to ride in the vans with the children. Dr. Franklin suggests that of particular interest to Mrs. Ford at the time of the tour of the Library would be the childrens section, the black studies section, and the section of services for the homebound and handicapped. At the conclusion of the tour, simple refreshments will be served at the Library. Mrs. Ford and the children will then return to the White House where the children will transfer into their cars and depart.

Ms. Lola Johnson-Singletary, Vice President, Board of Library Trustees, has been very helpful. She originally extended the invitation and has had some good ideas in preparation for this visit. Her phone numbers are: O: 727-3090, H: 723-2100. The file is attached.

Thank you.

c: BF Staff
Red Cavaney
William Nicholson
John Calhoun
Rex Scouten
Staircase



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Jan. 15 M.L.King B-Day
April 13-19 Natl.Lib.Wk.

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November 19, 1974

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C.

ATTN: Ms. Susan Porter

Dear Mrs. Ford:

Thank you for accepting our invitation to visit the Martin Luther King Memorial Library.

The first event that you might be interested in will be the formal opening of the Library's telephone/teletype service as part of "Deaf Awareness Week" on December 3, 1974 at 12:00 Noon in the lobby of the Martin Luther King Memorial Library. This service will make it possible for hearing-impaired people who have TTY equipment in their homes to call the Library for information on almost any subject.

Throughout the week, there will be a booth where information about deafness will be given out, mini-lessons in sign language will be conducted, videotapes will be shown, and special devices used by the hearing-impaired will be demonstrated.

We would be greatly honored if you could be with us for this occasion. If you cannot visit us at this time, perhaps you would consider placing the first call on the TTY from the White House. Gallaudet College has offered to lend special equipment for that purpose.

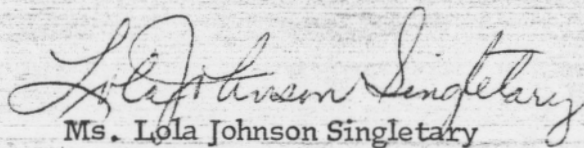
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901 G STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001

Other occasions for visiting the Public Library would be our annual observance of Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday on January 15 or National Library Week, April 13 - April 19.

Inasmuch as time is short, I would appreciate hearing from you soon regarding the December 3 date. You may prefer to have someone call me at 629-4337 or 629-4348.

Sincerely yours,



Ms. Lola Johnson Singletary

Vice President

Board of Library Trustees



November 12, 1974

For Immediate Release

"DEAF AWARENESS WEEK"
AT MARTIN LUTHER KING LIBRARY

"Deaf Awareness Week" will be observed by the District of Columbia Public Library, December 2-6. The formal opening of the Library's special teletype/telephone service and a week-long series of demonstrations and exhibits in the lobby of the Martin Luther King Memorial Library, 901 G Street, N.W., will be the main features of the observance.

Beginning at noon December 3, persons with hearing impairment who have TTY equipment in their homes will be able to call the Library at 727-2255 for information on almost any subject.

Ms. Alice Hagemeyer, an employee of the Library who is deaf herself, has spearheaded efforts to make library services more accessible to people with hearing impairment. "The greatest difficulty for deaf people," she says, "is hearing people who do not understand their silent world. Through education of the hearing, the invisible barrier of deafness can be broken."

As a first step to educate hearing people who work for the Library, Ms. Hagemeyer and Ms. Ida Mapes have been conducting classes for library employees not only in sign language, but in all the human factors that hearing people need to be aware of when communicating with the deaf.

Through the efforts of Ms. Hagemeyer and her committee, the Library hopes to make all its employees more aware of "the most misunderstood



of all handicaps" and to provide positive steps to remove as many barriers as possible to the use of library services by the deaf.

Moreover, almost all library patrons will find themselves, at some time in their lives, concerned about deafness. They may have deaf children themselves. They may know deaf people as co-workers, classmates, customers, renters, voters, carpool riders, etc.

Through "Deaf Awareness Week" the Library will provide information and education through demonstrations of a clock with a flash light alarm, a door bell with a light signal, a device to warn a parent when a baby is crying and many other aids to make hearing people more sensitive to the daily life-situations of deaf people. There will also be mini-lessons in sign language.

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For further information, call:

Lawrence E. Molumby
727-1186
543-5671



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September 9, 1974

Mrs. Gerald Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Ford:

Welcome to Washington not only as First Lady, but particularly as a new resident of our city. We hope you will utilize the facilities and programs of the District of Columbia Public Library. Our Board of Library Trustees, our new Director, Dr. Hardy R. Franklin, and our library system personnel would be honored to receive you as our special guest and to have you tour our central facility, the Martin Luther King Memorial Library at 901 G Street, N.W.

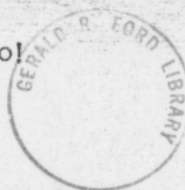
We would like you to come and visit with us and hope that in the near future, you will respond favorably, letting us know your preference for dates and times. The King Memorial Library is open from 9:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, and from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., Saturdays.

Library public relations will certainly be enhanced should you accept our invitation. Additionally, we are sure the Public Library's services are personally of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

Lola Johnson Singletary
Ms. Lola Johnson-Singletary

P.S. The President is welcome too!



OFFICE: 727-4348

H: 723-2100

901 G STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001

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open invita.
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FILE ON

JACK AND JILL



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: SUSAN PORTER
FROM: STAN SCOTT *AS*
SUBJECT: Jack and Jill
Christmas Shoppe
Luncheon

Would recommend The First Lady's involvement in this event with this group. The organization is one of the most creditable and charitable in the nation in the minority community.

Attachment





Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

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4521 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20011
October 7, 1975

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Ford:

We would be pleased to have you attend the
Jack and Jill Christmas Shoppe Luncheon as our
honored guest.

On behalf of the D.C. Chapter of Jack and Jill,
I would like to thank you for the lovely greeting
you sent us for our Souvenir Program Book. Also,
we appreciate the beautiful autographed steel en-
graving of the White House.

As I indicated to you in my previous letter,
we would like to present you with a gift from the
children of Jack and Jill. Would it be convenient
to do so sometime during the week of October 27th?

Our fund raising event is sure to be successful
with your support.

Sincerely,

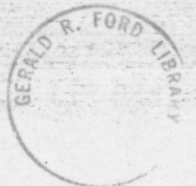
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10/10/75

Jack & Jill of America, Inc.

The National Organization was founded in 1938 in Philadelphia as a nonprofit service organization dedicated to the interests of children. It was incorporated in 1946 under the laws of the State of Delaware, and now consists of 138 chapters.

The Washington, D.C. Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, was founded in 1940. Membership consists of children (ages 3-19 years) and their parents.

The purpose of Jack and Jill, Inc., is to create a medium of contact for children and to provide for them a constructive educational, cultural, civic, recreational and social program. It seeks for all children the same advantages and opportunities. It supports all National legislation aimed at bettering the condition of all children. Its national service arm is the Jack and Jill of America Foundation, Incorporated in Cook County, Illinois in 1968.

Although the entire family unit constitutes the membership, the mothers are the primary working members. Work by every member is performed on a voluntary basis.

PROGRAMS and PROJECTS

Yearly contribution to Jack and Jill of America Foundation

Freedmen's Hospital (Astro turf for Pediatric playground)

Publication of "The Mentally Ill Child, a Guide for Parents."

D. C. Youth Chorale

D. C. Youth Orchestra

Mary Bethune Memorial

Area B. Community Mental Health

The Information Center for Handicapped Children

Stoddard Baptist Home

Northwest Settlement House

Washington Speech and Hearing

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

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Fund Raising Projects for 1975

Benefit at Folger Theater
March 2, 1975

The Jack and Jill Christmas Shoppe
Shoreham Americana Hotel
November 7 and 8, 1975

Ages
3-5
6-8
9-11
12-14
15-18
7-8 Boys
11 girls
18

Charm. & Co. of Jack & Jill
5 adults

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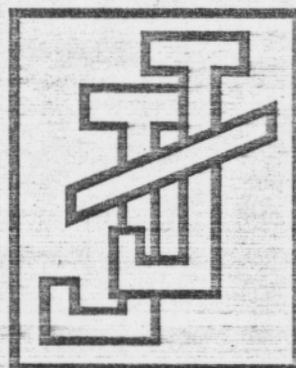
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WASHINGTON, D.C.
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35TH ANNIVERSARY

*Let's work, let's play,
Let's live together.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 4, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: NANCY RUWE ✓
FROM: STAN SCOTT *SS*
SUBJECT: Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

Would recommend First Lady's involvement in this event with this group. The organization is one of the most creditable and charitable in nation in minority community.

Attachment



Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER
4521 16th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20011
July 29, 1975

Firm Regret
by phone
10-10-75
SR

TO MRS. GRAHAM
BY PHONE:
- BE PROBABLY CANNOT
ATTEND, BUT WE WILL
LET THEM KNOW
CLOSED TO DATE.
- BE WILL SEND:
- NOTE FOR PROGRAM
- AUTO. STEEL ENCL.

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Mrs. William R. Hyde

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Dr. Pearl Watson Boschulte

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Ford:

The Washington, D. C. Chapter of Jack & Jill of America, Inc., is planning a major fund raising event, The Jack and Jill Christmas Shoppe and Luncheon to be held at the Shoreham Americana Hotel on November 7 & 8 1975. Proceeds from this event have been earmarked for use in our Chapter's on-going charitable projects... projects directed at helping children and teenagers. This is a first of its kind for our Chapter. We would be honored to have you attend this event.

We need your participation in this effort. First we are asking you to write a greeting for The Souvenir Program Book on the occasion of our first Jack and Jill Christmas Shoppe. Second, we are asking you to donate an article (preferably patchwork) for auction in the Christmas Shoppe.

No. STEEL ENCL. GRADING, THOUGH

Your contribution will be utilized to sponsor a playroom on the Pediatric Ward of the new Howard University Hospital. Indeed, this is an important and timely undertaking. The National Foundation of Jack and Jill of America will also benefit from your contribution. Our aim is to create a better tomorrow for our children. Your participation will certainly insure this goal.

Knowing of your interest and love for children, in October we would like to present you with a gift from The Christmas Shoppe made by the children of Jack and Jill. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely yours,
Wm. R. Hyde
Mrs. William R. Hyde, President
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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Ford will visit the Martin King Memorial Library Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 3 p.m. with about 18 Washington-area school children. The visit is in remembrance of the late Dr. King's birthday Jan. 15.

Mrs. Ford and the children will tour the Black Studies division of the library; the Special Services division (for the blind, physically handicapped, institutionalized and homebound); and the Childrens Room.

She will be met at curbside by Dr. Francis Gregory, president of the board of trustees of the Library. Dr. Gregory will escort her to the main lobby of the library, where she will be met by Lola Johnson-Singletary, vice president of the board of trustees; and Dr. Hardy Franklin, director of the DC Public Library System. Dr. Franklin will give Mrs. Ford a briefing on the library and guide her on her tour.

Mrs. Ford will be accompanied by 18 children of the DC chapter of Jack and Jill of America. Ranging in age from 6-8, the children take part in the programs sponsored by Jack and Jill, a national non-profit service organization whose purpose is to "create a medium of contact for children and provide for them a constructive educational, cultural, civic, recreational and social program." Mrs. Ford served as honorary chairman for the group's Christmas Shop Luncheon to benefit their program.

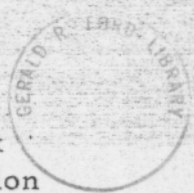
The Library is the main building of the District of Columbia Public Library System. Located at 901 G Street NW, the building was dedicated in 1972.

Mrs. Ford's visit will precede other observances of Dr. King's birthday at the Library. There will be a special concert and exhibit opening the evening of Mrs. Ford's visit and the city's official celebration and film showings on January 15.

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press note: other identifications - Mrs. Ford will be met in the Black Studies division by Mrs. Kathy Hooker; in the Special Services Division by Grace Lyons and in the Childrens Room by Mrs. Barbara Geyger.

Press pickup in press lobby at 2:30 p.m. Television crews and photographers may wish to precede to main lobby of library (G Street entrance).



Determined to be an
Administrative Marking

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

By 9D NARA, Date 6/28/19

January 14, 1976

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MRS. FORD

FROM:

PETER SORUM *PBS*

The young man who was hit today by the van is Willie Riggis, a 19 year old enrollee at the Webster Job Development Center. He lives with his parents, Sam and Elma Riggis, at 2246 13th Street, N.E., phone 832-5641. He was taken to the George Washington University Hospital by ambulance for examination, accompanied by a Secret Service Agent, who remained until his mother arrived. The Agent did not have a final report on his status.

