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FACT SHEET
Mrs. Ford's Office

Event Tour and Reception
 Group General Federation of Women's Clubs
 DATE/TIME SEPTEMBER 17, 1974 TUESDAY 2:00 Tour 3:00 Tea
 Contact Mrs. Carroll Miller Phone 347-3168
 Number of guests: Total 175 Women x Men _____ Children _____
 Place State Floor ENTRANCE: Southeast Gate
 Principals involved Mrs. Ford
 Participation by Principal yes (Receiving line) to be decided
 Remarks required none ;
 Background Group composed of top leaders in all of the women's clubs throughout the United States.

REQUIREMENTS

Social: Guest list Mrs. Miller to S. Dolibois
 Invitations no Programs no Menus no
 Refreshments punch and cookies
 Entertainment no
 Decorations/flowers yes
 Music string ensemble
 Social Aides yes
 Dress afternoon dress Coat check if raining
 Other _____

Press: Reporters yes
 Photographers yes
 TV Crews hand held
 White House Photographers yes Color x Mono. _____
 Other _____

Technical Support: Microphones no requirements PA Other Rooms _____
 Recording _____
 Lights _____
 Transportation bus
 Parking south grounds
 Housing _____
 Other _____ (Risers, stage, platforms)

Project Co-ordinator Susan Dolibois Phone 2927

Site diagrams should be attached if technical support is heavy.

General Federation of Women's Clubs

1734 N Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Mrs. Carroll E. Miller
President



Mildred Carlson Ahlgren
Public Relations Director

September 13, 1974

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Mrs. Miller will not present plates to Mrs. Ford on Tuesday afternoon. She would rather wait until the 1975 plate is issued and try for an appointment with Mrs. Ford to present it at that time--probably in January. Mrs. Miller plans to give Mrs. Ford a small gift (a GFWC paper-weight), but not in a formal presentation.

Also, Mrs. Miller has asked board members who wish to give gifts, not to present them but to mail them to Mrs. Ford. We had an unhappy situation a few years ago when an eager beaver from Texas made a big display of presenting a gift unknown to the GFWC president, so we hope we have stopped that from occurring again.

Mrs. Miller likes to be known by her husband's name-- Mrs. Carroll E. Miller, and her first name is Mary Katharine. I mention the latter because of the spelling.

I presume some pictures will be taken as usual by a White House photographer. PLEASE, may we have one in black and white so it can be used in the GFWC CLUBWOMAN magazine?

Looking forward to seeing you and all good wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mildred".

Mildred Carlson Ahlgren

Mrs. Helen McCain Smith
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

For immediate release
Sept. 17, 1974

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Ford will receive members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. in the Blue Room. About 180 guests are expected.

Mrs. Ford's guests include the 150 principal officers of the General Federation from throughout the United States, meeting in Washington D.C. Sept. 15-18. The first guest Mrs. Ford will receive is Mrs. Carroll E. Miller of Charleston, W. Va., president of the group.

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The annual Board Meeting is being held in Washington from September 15 through September 18, 1974. This group includes the 150 principal officers from the General Federation of Women's Clubs throughout the United States. Most of these women are new officers and were installed at the organization's May convention in Minneapolis.

Susan L. Dolibois
September 16, 1974

challenge to the President's credibility." Bob Schieffer on CBS called it "counter-leak day at the White House." Schieffer said the Haig and Kissinger stories were "the result of friction" between Ford's new men and the Nixon holdovers.

-- Campaign Financing

-- Senate-House conference committee tentatively agreed on public financing for Presidential elections and an expenditure limitation of \$20 million for each candidate. Rep. Wayne Hays said conferees tentatively agreed to limit spending of House candidates to \$60,000 and of Senate to \$175,000.

-- Economy

-- Treasury Secretary Simon told House Budget Committee the government can ease its tight money policies if Congress will reduce federal spending.

-- Jap Red Army guerrillas "Win" and release hostages

-- Fly to Damascus, Syria with colleague they demanded released by France, and with a reported one million dollars in cash.

STORIES FROM THE WIRES

President Keeps "Sharp Eye" on Wife.

Washington (UPI) -- First Lady Betty Ford confessed Tuesday that the President keeps a "sharp eye" on her when she goes shopping. Mrs. Ford answered questions about her fall wardrobe in connection with her trip to New York Wednesday with the President who was appearing before the United Nations General Assembly. Asked if she would be doing any shopping in Manhattan, she told reporters: "If you think my husband allows me any time to shop -- you're crazy." When told that she should be happy to have a husband who cares about what she wears, she replied: "He's concerned about the bills." The First Lady said that she has been shopping at several stores in the Washington-Virginia area, among them Frankie Welch of Alexandria, Va., where she lived before she moved into the White House. Mrs. Ford will be the guest of honor at a Republican Candidate's luncheon Tuesday at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, it was announced today. Mrs. Ford will fly to Chicago Monday afternoon and will be a guest of Mrs. Hope McCormack at a private dinner at Mrs. McCormack's home.

Mrs. Betty Ford meets Mrs. Willie Oates of Arkansas — and Mrs. Oates' scene-stealing hat.



—Star-News Photographer Wellner Streets

Pulling the Hat Trick

By Ruth Dean
Star-News Staff Writer

First Lady Betty Ford was upstaged by a hat

president, Mrs. Carroll E. Miller, headed the delegation, which is holding its biennial meeting here.

IN CONTRAST, Mrs. Ford revealed to reporters yesterday that the President keeps a close