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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

WHITE HOUSE AND OEOB STAFF PICNIC

September 19, 1974  
11:30 a. m. thru 2:00 p. m.

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-- Your White House and OEOB Staff will gather on the South Grounds for a picnic.

NOTE:

Attached is a copy of the memorandum which was distributed to the Staff inviting them to the picnic.

-- You will walk out to the South Grounds and mingle with your Staff before departing for Capitol Hill and after returning to the White House. This will give you an opportunity to meet with the early and late lunch hour groups.

-- Mrs. Ford will go out from time to time and mingle with the Staff.

NOTES:

Military Bands will be playing on the South Portico.

There will not be press coverage.

A White House photographer will be present.

The menu for the picnic will be hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, ice cream bars, coffee and soft drinks.

Lucy Winchester

MEMORANDUM

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FOR: ALL WHITE HOUSE AND OEOB STAFF

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SUBJECT: Instructions for Social Aides

EVENT: Staff Picnic

Date/Time: September 19, 1974 (11:30-2:00) No. of Guests: 1000

Uniform: \_\_\_\_\_ Parking: \_\_\_\_\_

In-Place Time for Aides: \_\_\_\_\_

In-Place Time for OIC: \_\_\_\_\_

Duty Aide: Major R. E. Barrett, USA

First Family Participation: The President and Mrs. Ford

The following Social Aides will attend:

\*Officer in Charge

Music: US Army Band on the South Balcony (11:30-12:20) (Southeast Gate)  
USMC Band on the South Balcony (12:20-1:10) (Southeast Gate)  
US Navy Band on the South Balcony (1:10-2:00) (South East Gate)

Remarks:

*for MacColl*  
T. STEPHEN TODD  
Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Navy  
Naval Aide to the President

DISTRIBUTION:

BGen Lawson	Mrs. Winchester	Usher's Office
LtCol Sardo	Mrs. Smith	White House Garage
LCDR Todd	Secret Service	White House Staff Mess
LtCol Biake	Visitor's Office	Mr. O'Donnell
Major Barrett	Band	White House Police (7)

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PEOPLE/CONSUMER

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## Fords Amid the Frisbees

Associated Press

Everyone from the maids to the chief of staff turned out yesterday for a White House staff picnic that President and Mrs. Ford gave on the White House south lawn.

In the warm, sunny weather, the Fords joined in Frisbee-throwing and a lot of handshaking. The President said he couldn't remember who thought it up, but the staff picnic was "an excellent idea" and he thought perhaps it would "start a new tradition."

"Too bad we can't do this every day," Mrs. Ford told

some of the enthusiastic guests. "I'd be all for it."

The White House kitchen served hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, ice cream, soft drinks and coffee to 1,200 persons.

The President passed up the food, pointing out that he was "on a strict diet." Then he admitted he was on his way to Capitol Hill to lunch with minority members of the House Appropriations Committee.

He spent about 20 minutes saying hello and shaking hands.

"I want to shake hands

with my seventh President," said Beverly Cole from Montrose, Pa., who said she had been chief telephone operator at the White House for 31 years.

"You're doing better than I did," the President told her.

The White House had obtained white Frisbees from the National Park Service's "Summer in the Parks" program and they were flying all over. At the suggestion of his chief photographer, Ford called a Frisbee out over the crowd.

