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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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

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

EVENT: Fashion Show-Luncheon Benefit
GROUP: Congressional Club (to benefit a project for the blind)
DATE: Thursday, March 20, 1975
TIME: 12:00 Sherry
12:30 Luncheon
PLACE: Congressional Club, 332-1155
2001 New Hampshire Avenue, Northwest
CONTACT: Mrs. Caspar Weinberger
543-4728
COMMENTS: The Congressional Club gives one benefit a year. This luncheon is that benefit on behalf of the blind. Although Mrs. Harold Runnels is the Chairman, in reality Mrs. Weinberger has been doing the work. Mrs. Richardson Preyer is the President of the Congressional Club. Mrs. Ford is Honorary Chairman of the fashion show benefit. The file is attached. Thank you.

c: BF Staff
Red Cavaney
Warren Rustand
William Nicholson
Max Friedersdorf
James Connor
Rex Scouten
Staircase

March 6, 1975

December 20, 1974

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action memo

Dear Jane,

How much I appreciated your thoughtful letter inviting me to serve as Honorary Chairman of the Fashion Show Luncheon to benefit the Congressional Club. It would be a pleasure to have my name listed in this way reflecting my encouragement for your efforts to raise funds for the Club. I also hope I will have the opportunity to attend.

With gratitude and warmest best wishes,

Sincerely,

/s/ Betty Ford

Mrs. Caspar W. Weinberger
114 Third Street, Southeast
Washington, D. C. 20003

SP/sr

c: BF Honorary Affiliations (Accept)
✓BF Accept/Pending (March 20)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Mrs. Ford,

Mrs. Weinberger, as Chairman for the Congressional Club's Fund Raising Committee, is inviting you to serve as Honorary Chairman for their one fund-raising event which this year is a fashion show luncheon at the club on March 20th. They are also hopeful that you will be able to attend.

- Lend name and try to attend
- Lend name but regret attendance
- Regret

*Make sure this is the club
Not Congressional Country Club.*

Thank you,

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Dear Mrs Ford

As Chairman for the
Congressional Club's Fund
Raising Committee it is
my pleasant duty to ask
if you would be Honorary
Chairman for our one event



Which will be a Fashion Show
Luncheon at the Club on
March 20th. If a different
date is better for the possibility
of your being able to attend,
we could change the day.

It is our hope that
Frankie Welch will do the
showing. Your attendance

Would make the event
a success indeed.

I do hope you will
be able to fit this into
your schedule.

Sincerely

Jane Weinberger

(Mrs Caspar Weinberger)

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The Congressional Club

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MARCH BULLETIN, 1975

Monday, March 3: Board Meeting - 2:30 P.M.

Thursday, March 6: Founders' Day Luncheon!

Don't miss the annual Fun Day about "our past." Martha Gibbons and Mary Andrews are in charge. Luncheon is at 12 NOON (\$4.00); reservations by March 5.

Wednesday, March 12: Monthly Business Meeting at 11 A.M.

Come and find out what is going on in our club activities and hear committee reports. Members very welcome and very needed for quorum! Luncheon - \$2.00.

Thursday, March 13: "Maid of Cotton" Luncheon and Fashion Show with beautiful spring and summer fashions. Luncheon is at 12 NOON (\$4.75); reservations by March 12. Guests are welcome.

Monday, March 17: Board Meeting - 2:30 P.M.

Thursday, March 20: Ways and Means Luncheon with Mrs. Caspar Weinberger and Mrs. Harold Runnels in charge. Mrs. Gerald Ford will attend, and Susan Ford will be a model. Reservations in by March 19; Luncheon will cost \$10.00 since this is our Big Fund Raising Event for 1975. Guests are welcome until reservation capacity reached.

Thursday, March 27: Congress in Recess until April 7.

Other Club Activities:

- Every Monday -
1. If you want to play bridge, call the club to make reservations.
 2. Cook Book Committee at work; we always need extra help.
- Every Tuesday -
1. American Red Cross volunteers wrap bandages. Extra "hands" welcome.
 2. Exercise class in "action."
 3. Creative writing class. Call Lou Bevill.

Quotes and Notes

Onassis: Memories Of an Insomniac

Quotes and notes from Washington parties, uncovered by Ymelda Dixon for The Washington Star:

James Lee Auchincloss, the 28-year-old half-brother of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, was reminiscing Saturday night about Aristotle Onassis, who had died earlier that day in Paris.

Onassis' death came "as a shock to us," said Jamie Auchincloss at a party in the home of television interviewer Deena Clark. "But oddly, yesterday I thought to myself about 'beware the Ides of March.' Onassis and Caesar were alike; both built empires."

Auchincloss said he had met the late Greek shipping czar twice.

"Onassis was an insomniac, and I remember thinking that in his position, insomnia was helpful," Auchincloss recalled. "When everyone else was asleep, he would call Europe and other places where it was daytime, and conduct his business."

One extra unfortunate aspect of Onassis' death was noted by Auchincloss.

"Now there will be wild speculation about whom Jackie will marry this time, and it's so ridiculous; there's no necessity for her to marry at all," he said.



Jamie Auchincloss



Peter Malatesta

Peter Malatesta, the former aide to former Vice President Spiro Agnew, and a prominent party-giver, gave one yesterday for Korean industrialist Tongsun Park in honor of Park's 40th birthday.

Malatesta normally likes to cook, but he didn't feel up to it, "so I just had the whole thing catered by Yenching Palace," he said.

Archbishop William Baum went to a St. Patrick's Day party given yesterday at the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel by retiring hotelier Charles Carey. The archbishop used the opportunity to compare the way Washington observes St. Pat's Day with the way it is observed elsewhere.

"It's warm and vibrant, certainly not like New York City, but certainly more enthusiastic than St. Patrick's in the Midwest," he said.



Archbishop William Baum

Betty Ford was an active member of the Congressional Club, made up of wives and daughters of members of Congress, the Cabinet, courts and administration brass. In the club's last yearbook, she is listed as a member of the "standing committee's advisory board from Michigan. Mrs. Gerald R. Ford (Betty), 514 Crown View Drive, Alexandria, Va., 22314."

Since then, Mrs. Ford's address has changed, so that she now is honorary chairman of the club's spring fashion show and luncheon, to be held Thursday. Unfortunately, the flare-up of her arthritis has caused her to cancel all social engagements; so she probably will miss it.