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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 8, 1976

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MEMORANDUM TO: PETER SORUM  
FROM: SUSAN PORTER *S.P.*  
SUBJECT: Action Memo

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

EVENT: Luncheon

GROUP: Women's National Republican Club

DATE: Saturday, March 20, 1976

TIME: 11:45 VIP Reception, West Foyer  
12:30 Luncheon, Ballroom

PLACE: Waldorf Astoria Hotel *355-3000*  
New York, New York *7V*

CONTACT: Mrs. Rosemary McGrath, First Vice President  
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COMMENTS: Mrs. Ford has accepted the invitation of the Women's National Republican Club to attend their 55th Annual Luncheon to be held on March 20th at the Waldorf in New York. Susan Ford was also invited but has declined.

The Women's National Republican Club will present to Mrs. Ford their "Republican Woman of the Year Award". Barry Goldwater will be the main speaker, and Mrs. Douglas MacArthur will receive their "Affectionate Honor Award". Although I spoke originally with Mrs. John Lodge, the luncheon chairman, Mrs. McGrath has indicated she should probably serve as the contact. Mrs. Rudolf A. Bernatschke is the President. The occasion, judging from press reports, promises to be a gala one.



Although the luncheon is Saturday, Mrs. Ford would like to go to New York on Friday for some private appointments and remain overnight. Her departure will be determined by the times of the appointments which she does not yet know.

May I also suggest that you may wish to make a preliminary contact with the Parsons Award people at the time of your advance of the 20th event regarding Mrs. Ford's March 29th New York event. As of this writing I do not have those details but will have them by the time you return from California.

The file is attached.

Thank you.

c: BF Staff  
Red Cavaney  
William Nicholson  
Warren Hendriks  
H. H. Calloway  
Dick Mastrangelo  
Max Friedersdorf  
Jerry Jones  
Robert Hartmann  
Mildred Leonard  
Rex Scouten  
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# Can We Win Our Independence?

and Queen Sophia Will Make Bicentennial Visit to the U.S. in June

## Around the Town

• **HUBERT HUMPHREY** backing Jerry Ford's pardoning of Richard Nixon: "He did the right thing and he picked the right time. He knew he had to do it sooner or later."

• **ROGER STEVENS** inviting Alice Longworth to the March 17 preview of Leonard Bernstein's and Alan Lerner's new musical, "1600 Pennsylvania Avenue," which Roger is producing with Bob Whitehead. It will cover about a dozen presidents from George Washington to Mrs. L's papa, Theodore Roosevelt, he told her, and "one of the interesting things about the musical is that it will show that Chester Arthur has never been appreciated." . . . "Oh, yes, he was a splendid man," agreed history-steeped Alice. "He did a good job and was thoroughly honest."

Coca Cola, which is financing the show, is planning something big for the night of March 24. Perhaps that's when President and Mrs. Ford will go to the National. They certainly won't see it on the 17th, St. Patrick's Day. They will be giving an official dinner for President Liam Cosgrave of Ireland.

• **PRESIDENT FORD** chuckling over the Oliphant cartoon in *The Star* that showed Nancy Reagan reading about Betty Ford being a campaign asset while Ronald asked, "Why aren't you out there saying a lot of neat stuff about premarital sex and abortion and women's rights?" . . . "Maybe you'd better let Betty campaign for you and you can stay home and do your job," one man told Ford. "That might be a good idea," replied the President.

• **O'NEILL FORD**, the noted architect, complaining about the way the Lincoln Memorial is lighted. "It is grossly lighted. The lighting is so strong you lose all texture, all sense of scale. It looks like a soap sculpture. It's garish." Instead of bright spotlights that are entirely visible to the naked eye when approaching the memorial, the illumination sources should be invisible and low-key, said Ford.

• **CLARE LUCE** saying: "this Congress has lost us more friends and allies and made us more enemies than all the previous congresses have. No president has ever done the damage this congress has done."

She thinks Kennedy is very apt to get the Democratic nomination. "Teddy continues to be the most popular Democrat and since when don't they nominate the most popular guy they've got?"

• **QUEEN MARGRETHE** of Denmark is planning to visit this country from May 10-24 on a strictly unofficial visit. She will make an appearance in Washington soon after arriving, but it still isn't known what, if anything, the White House will plan for her. Fortunately, she is preceded by a new ambassador, Otto Rose Borch (pronounced Bork), who was at the U.N. and has now replaced Eyvind Bartels. The Danish Embassy virtually disappeared from sight and mind during the four and a half years Bartels was here.

• **PHILIP CROWE**, who was our ambassador to Denmark and has yet to be replaced, surprised his friends recently by revealing that he and his wife Irene had divorced after over 30 years and he had married a pretty, 30-year-old blonde Danish girl he met in Denmark. The marriage of the 69-year-old former ambassador to Ceylon, South Africa, Norway and Denmark took place in Haiti in the latter part of November, immediately after he obtained his divorce there.

• **BETTY FORD** will get an award in New York on March 20. The Women's National Republican Club, which has a beautiful house in Manhattan with 30 rooms in which to put up some of its 3,000 members, is naming her Republican Woman of the Year. Did some of the more conservative members of this conservative club balk? One wonders because another award at the same luncheon will go to Mrs. Douglas MacArthur.

• **MARVELLA BAYH** asking: "How do you keep a reporter from putting words into your mouth?" In every case in a recent interview where the wife of presidential candidate Birch Bayh said, "I would do so and so if in the White House," the interviewer wrote that she said she "will" do such and such. When Marvella said she would like to continue her career if her husband should be elected, the reporter wrote that she planned "to expand her career." Said the distraught Marvella: "that makes it sound as if I would use the White house to promote my own interests. Such things can give an entirely wrong impression."



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# Suzy Says

## A Prize Day for Betty

**B**ETTY FORD, THE CHARISMATIC FIRST LADY, will arrive in New York on the morning of March 20 to receive the Republican Woman of the Year award from the Women's National Republican Club.

Francesca (Mrs. John Davis) Lodge, chairman of the luncheon that noon in the Waldorf-Astoria Ballroom, honoring Mrs. Ford, is thrilled with the response to invitations. They have another draw in Sen. Barry Goldwater, who will receive the Distinguished Political Service Award and make a little speech besides. Oh yes, and Mrs. Douglas MacArthur, that much admired lady, will be there, too, to receive the Affectionate Honor award. Such a bunch of stars.



Marilyn Monroe  
*One of the stars in Josh's galaxy*

To stir up top-level Republican enthusiasm and make plans for Betty Ford's arrival, Lil (Mrs. Ogden) Phipps, looking regal in the perfect winter wool daytime dress (it was a python print), invited about 20 of Francesca Lodge's committee to lunch in her Park Ave. apartment, complete with a 4-foot tall antique birdcage filled with chirping feathered friends in the foyer, plumpy sofas and French furniture.

Enjoying the delicious Republican lunch (chicken hash, shrimp curry, giant strawberries with meringues) and promising to bring all their friends to meet the first lady at the reception preceding the March 20 lunch,

were such as Mrs. Herbert Brownell, Mrs. George Braga, the Hon. Katherine St. George, Jane Pickens Langley, Rosemary McGrath, Mrs. John Whelchel Finger, Mrs. Theodore Halligan, Mrs. Keith Woodson, Mrs. Arthur Gary and Barbara Wainscott, who is chief New York deputy for the bicentennial. Any Democrat who tried to cross the portals would have been beaten with a stick.

Amanda Burden, Mrs. William Paley's daughter, helicoptered rent for the summer. She was accompanied by her current constant out (and back) to Southampton last weekend seeking a house to companion, Steve Ross, head of Warner Communications. So what else is new?

Society's best known orange grower, Peter Pulitzer, and his recent bride, the former Roxanne Dixon, have cut out of Palm Beach for the nonce and settled for a house in nearby low-keyed Vero Beach, closer to his citrus groves.

In addition to all that fruit picking and packing, the Pulitzers (he's a member of the publishing family) are building a yacht, ocean-going, of course. During their recent safari to Africa they caught wanderlust. It's one way of getting out of Palm Beach.

