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Women of Achievement Brunch/National Federation of Republican Women, Tuesday, 10:30 A.M.

Guests: Administration women officials, Congresswomen, National Committeewomen (incoming and outgoing), Board of National Federation, special guests from 5 or 6 major women's organizations (League of Women Voters, BPW, etc.), governor's wives, three women members of Parliament from other Nations. Mrs. Reagan and Maureen Reagan will be there. Approximately 250 women.

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Program: ~~Introduction~~ Introduction of Head Table, ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, The Meal
Brief Remarks, Pat Hutar, Mary Louise Smith and Mrs. Ford
Main Address: ~~xxxxxx~~ Carla Hills

Background---The Federation itself has not taken a position on ERA, and each state has made its own decision. The states are split about half and half. But this is predominantly the leading women in the Republican party, who are ERA supporters.

G O P WOMEN'S FEDERATION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1976
KANSAS CITY

HOW WONDERFUL
TO BE ON A PROGRAM
BETWEEN THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY
AND THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT---
AND BOTH OF THEM WOMEN!

NOTHING IS A STRONGER TESTIMONY
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THAN ALL OF YOU
IN THIS ROOM.

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KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK .

GOP Women's Federation, Tuesday

How wonderful to be on a program between the Chairman of the Republican Party and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development---and both of them women!

The visibility and the importance of women in this party is a message I hope the people of our country receive. Nothing is a stronger testimony to the equality of women's talents and energy than all of you in this room. It really inspires me to see you here ^{at the next} and ~~in four~~ ~~conventions,~~ ~~years.~~ I hope there are twice as many women of achievement. Keep up the good work. ~~for the next convention. Thank you for inviting~~



Potential Questions from the Press

Campaign:

How do you think your campaigning helps the President?

Do you really like to campaign, sometimes you seem very nervous, or do you do it because the President wants you to?

You once referred to your pillow talks with the President have you been giving him political advice?

Does the President resent your popularity in the polls?

How do the stories about the President's clumsiness and intelligence affect you?

Are you afraid of losing? How would it affect the President and your family?

Why did you invite uncommitted delegates to the State Dinners?

How do you feel about the comments made about you during the platform fights?

What about your personal feelings about Jimmy Carter?

Issues:

What issues are the most important to you if the President is elected?

What have you accomplished as First Lady?

Why do you think many women are afraid of the Equal Rights Amendment?

Do you still feel the same way about pre-marital sex as you did on the "60 Minutes" interview?

Has the differences between you and the President on the abortion issue caused friction between you?

You've called the 1973 abortion decision "great, how do you feel about the recent decision that allows a woman to have an abortion without her husband's consent or for an underaged woman to have an abortion without her parents' consent?

Personal:

How is your health?

How has the White House changed you?

Will it be difficult to adjust if the President loses?
Would you take a job?

If you were young today, would you live your life differently?

What's been the most exciting for you since you moved to the White House?