

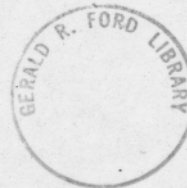
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MEMORANDUM

June 12, 1975



MEMORANDUM FOR: MRS. FORD

FROM: NANCY RUWE

SUBJECT: Additional Briefing Material from National Security Council for Your Tea with Mrs. Rabin - 6/12/75

We have just learned that Mrs. Rabin may raise with Mrs. Ford when they meet today the possibility of Mrs. Ford's attendance at the International Women's Year Conference in Mexico City which opens June 19. If Mrs. Rabin should raise the matter, we recommend that Mrs. Ford express her great interest in the International Women's Year and the Mexico City Conference, in particular, and her regret that her schedule would not permit her to attend.

Background: As you know, Pat Lindh has sought the views of the NSC on the desirability of Mrs. Ford's attendance. Following consultation with Secretary Kissinger, we had recommended against Mrs. Ford's attendance on the grounds that the conference debate was expected to extend beyond the question of the status of women to various matters at issue between the developed and less-developed nations and that much of the discussion would be highly critical of the US. In addition, there was a strong likelihood that dissident groups would take advantage of the presence of large numbers of foreign representatives in Mexico City to mount demonstrations on issues having little or nothing to do with the conference proceedings.

We have, however asked that a draft message be prepared from Mrs. Ford to the Conference which could be read by Patricia Huzar, the Co-Chairman of the US Delegation who will be making the opening statement for the US. We will staff this draft message forward to Mrs. Ford for her consideration.