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Diplomatic Rm.

Photo w/Danny Kaye

on way to Wash.  
monument grounds  
for Girl Scout  
Group





THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 22, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MRS. FORD

VIA: RED CAVANEY 

FROM: PETER SORUM 

SUBJECT: YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE 40TH  
NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE  
GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
Sylvan Theater, Washington Monument Grounds  
Sunday, October 26, 1975



Attached at TAB A is the Proposed Schedule for the subject event.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

BACKGROUND

As Honorary President of the Girl Scouts of America you will attend the opening ceremonies of their Triennial Convention and accept the Girl Scouts Bicentennial gift to the Nation. You will also be asked to light the first torch in the torch-lighting ceremony which symbolizes liberty and America. Since this is the first time since founding that the Girl Scouts have convened in Washington. A large turnout is anticipated (estimates range from 5,000 to 25,000). The program will be held in the open air Sylvan Theater on the Washington Monument grounds.

TAB  
A



10/22/75  
6:00 pm

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

MRS. FORD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE  
40TH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE  
GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Sylvan Theater  
Washington Monument Grounds  
Sunday, October 26, 1975

2:40 pm Mrs. Ford boards motorcade on South Grounds

MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route  
Sylvan Theater, Washington Monument grounds.

[Driving time: 8 minutes]

2:48 pm MORORCADE ARRIVES Sylvan Theater.

Mrs. Ford proceeds to off-stage announcement area  
and pauses for announcement.

2:50 pm Announcement.

2:50 pm Mrs. Ford proceeds onto stage and greets Mrs.  
William McLeod Ittman, President of Girl Scouts  
of America.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 5,000

2:52 pm Presentation of Girl Scouts Gift to the Nation  
to Mrs. Ford by Cadettes Ann Formeller,  
Delores Gardner and Mary Formeller.

2:54 pm Acceptance remarks by Mrs. Ford.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

2:57 pm Remarks conclude.



2:58 pm            Mrs. Ford steps to center stage to light first torch  
symbolizing America and Liberty.

3:08 pm            Torch ceremony concludes.

3:10 pm            Recitation of Girl Scout Promise and Law.

3:15 pm            Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mrs. Ittman, departs  
stage en route motorcade for boarding.

3:20 pm            MOTORCADE DEPARTS Sylvan Theater en route  
South Grounds.

[Driving time: 5 minutes]

3:25 pm            MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.



Carolyn

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 6, 1975

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

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

EVENT: Opening of Triennial Convention

GROUP: Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

DATE: Sunday, October 26, 1975

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Washington Monument's Sylvan Theatre

CONTACT: Kathleen Ross, Washington Representative for the Girl  
Scouts of the U.S.A.  
462-5252

COMMENTS: Mrs. Ford will attend the opening of the Triennial Convention of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. on Sunday, October 26th at the Washington Monument. Several thousand scouts and adult leaders are expected to attend this outdoor ceremony. It should be a very colorful event with flags, torches, the Monument and a large assembly to contribute to a very festive occasion. Mrs. Ford, in her capacity as First Lady, serves as Honorary President of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. The President, as you know, serves as Honorary President of the Boy Scouts. Kathleen Ross has the details of the program. If the program turns out to be too long, you may want to work out a time span for Mrs. Ford to drop by.



Although it has not been fully determined, Mrs. Ford is hoping the President will join her. One of the major parts of the program will be a presentation to Mrs. Ford or the President (?) of the Girl Scouts' bicentennial gift to the nation. Were the President to "drop by" it might be appropriate for the gift to be presented to him. The file is attached.

Thank you.



c: BF Staff  
Red Cavaney  
Warren Rustand  
William Nicholson  
Pam Powell  
Rex Scouten  
Staircase



THANK YOU LETTERS

Event Girl Scouts Convention

Date October 26, 1975

Advanceman Peter Sorum



ADDRESS	SALUTATION	DESCRIPTION
Mrs. William McLeod Ittmann National Presidency Girl Scouts of the United States of America 30 Third Avenue New York, New York, 10022	Dear Mrs. Ittmann	Introduced Mrs. Ford and welcomed her to the opening ceremonies of the 40th Convention of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
Mrs. Kathleen Ross Washington Representative Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. 1000 L N. W. Washington, /D. C.	Dear Kathy:	Welcomed Mrs. Ford at curbside and escorted her to the off-stage announce area. Wzs also key contact for the advance team and handles all arrangements.