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Wednesday,
November 19, 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Mrs. Ford,

I will phone you when Clem and
Karl are at the elevator/Map Room to
12:05 re-take the photos with Clem for the
Philadelphia Museum.

Following this, I will walk over
with you to the Oval Office for the
12:15 photographs with the President and the
10 Outstanding Young Women of America
(background material attached).

Thank you,

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 17, 1975

Greeting - Ten Outstanding Young
Women of America

Wednesday, November 19, 1975
12:15 p.m. (10 minutes)
The Oval Office

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From: Pat Lindh

I. PURPOSE

To greet and congratulate the Ten Outstanding Young Women of America who have been selected on the basis of exceptional dedication, service and leadership to their profession, community, state and nation. The group includes a member of your staff, Karen Keesling, Director, Office of Women's Programs, Office of Public Liaison.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

- A. Background: Sponsored by leading women's organizations, the Outstanding Young Women of America program, through its annual awards volume, honors young women between the ages of 21 and 35 for civic and professional achievements. Mrs. Dexter Arnold heads a distinguished Board of Advisors which is composed of national presidents of major women's organizations. The number of nominees is well over 20,000 annually.

The awards presentation will be held on Tuesday, November 18 at the Mayflower Hotel. The Ten Outstanding Young Women were selected from the 50 State winners.

B. Participants:

Patricia Lindh
Pam Powell

Mrs. Dexter Arnold, a member of your IWY National Commission and Honorary Chairman of this program



Constance Yu-hwa Chung, Silver Spring, Maryland; television news correspondent for CBS; member of the Washington Chapter Board of Directors of the National Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Geraldine V. Cox, Portsmouth, Rhode Island; environmentalist, Director of Oceanographic Services for Raytheon Oceanographic and Environmental Services and a technical director of the EPA Baseline Study of the New York Bight.

Marie T. Dias, Dorchester, Massachusetts; Executive Director for the Children's World Day-Care Center in Boston; doctoral candidate in Education from Boston University and President, United Black Appeal, Inc.

Karen Keesling, Falls Church, Virginia; Director of the Office of Women's Programs at the White House; member of the U.S. Delegation to the UN World Conference for IWY; former Kansas Women's Golf Champion.

Marjorie Fine Knowles, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Professor of Law at the University of Alabama School of Law; a leader in the area of equal rights for women.

Sandra LeBeau, Eagle Butte, South Dakota; Sioux tribal council-woman; active in the areas of housing, health, education and welfare for her district.

Colleen Metternich, DeKalb, Illinois; Christian Education Director at Northern Illinois University; a former Miss Illinois, Assistant Coordinator of the Freedom Train Entertainment for the Peoria Bicentennial Commission.

Sharon Raney Pallone, Little Rock, Arkansas; child abuse counselor, corporation director for SCAN Volunteer Services, Inc.; founder of the Arkansas Laubach Literacy Council.

Barbara Taylor Welander, Mount Pleasant, Iowa; architect, FHA project inspector; active in numerous community activities such as Community Chest, Cancer Association, Girl Scouts and church.

Donna Brownsberger Zajonc, Salem, Oregon; psychiatric nurse and counselor at the Methodone Outpatient Clinic; master's degree candidate in public affairs in health service.

- C. Press Plan: Press photo opportunity, White House group photograph, meeting to be announced.

III. TALKING POINTS

To be provided by Editorial Staff



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Constance Yu-hwa Chung
Silver Spring, Maryland

Television News Correspondent Constance Yu-hwa Chung has been named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Women of America for 1975. Miss Chung is the daughter of William and Margaret Chung of Silver Spring, Maryland.

Constance Chung is ^{continually}~~constantly~~ being cited for insight and integrity in her work. The recipient of an honorary doctor's degree in journalism from Norwich University, she was presented the Metro Area Mass Media Award by the American Association of University Women just two years after she began her career. She also received the National Association of Media Women's Award for outstanding excellence in news reporting in 1973.

The United States Humane Society noted her efforts in a series of broadcasts which increased public awareness of the cruelties of seal harvesting, and the Chinese-American Citizens Alliance recognized her with a public service award. The list grows as Constance continues to demonstrate that women can bring perception, compassion and vitality to news reporting.

Miss Chung belongs to American Women in Radio and Television and serves on the Washington chapter board of directors of the National Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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Dr. Geraldine V. Cox
Portsmouth, Rhode Island

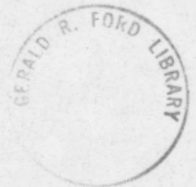
Dr. Geraldine V. Cox, environmentalist, has been named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Women of the Year for 1975. Dr. Cox is the daughter of Geraldine O. Vang of Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

Dr. Geraldine V. Cox has a deep concern for the environment. As technical coordinator for Environmental Programs for Raytheon Oceanographic and Environmental Services, Dr. Cox is currently director of Oceanographic Studies of sludge disposal on the Continental Shelf and technical director of the Environmental Protection Agency Baseline Study of the New York Bight. She also serves as an expert witness on ocean outfalls and ocean disposal of wastes, and has managed several studies for the Environmental Protection Agency and Raytheon in the past.

Geraldine is Ecosystems Editor of Environmental Decisions, and her society memberships include the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Association of Limnology and Oceanography, the International Association on Water Research, the Marine Technology Association and the Water Pollution Control Federation. Her biography appears in American Men and Women of Science, and her hobbies include gardening, scuba diving and needlepoint. In 1974, she was given a professional chemist rating from the American Institute of Chemists.

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Marie T. Dias
Dorchester, Massachusetts

Executive Director for the Children's World Day-Care Center in Boston, Marie T. Dias has been named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Women of the Year for 1975. Mrs. Dias is the daughter of Jacques C. and Vera M. Bemby of Dorchester, Massachusetts.

As the Executive Director for Children's World Day-Care Center in Boston, Massachusetts, Marie T. Dias cares about the future of our children. She obtained her Masters of Education in Administration From Harvard University in 1972 and is currently a doctoral candidate in Education at Boston University. Before her current position, she was Day-Care Coordinator for the New Urban League in Roxbury, Massachusetts. Every summer since 1967, she has taught in the Milton Academy Enrichment Program in Milton, Massachusetts.

Consistently involved in civic and community affairs, Mrs. Dias is Vice President and on the Board of Directors for the United Way of Massachusetts Bay, President and Board Member of the United Black Appeal, Inc., on the Board of Directors for the National Black United Fund, Inc., and Vice President and Board Member of the Massachusetts VITA Program. Marie received a scholarship in 1971-72 to attend Harvard University, then a Black Analysis Fellowship and a Whitney Young Fellowship in 1974-75 to attend Boston University. In 1973, she was awarded a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement from the Roxbury Action Program.

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Karen Ruth Keesling
Falls Church, Virginia

Karen Ruth Keesling, the director of the White House Office of Women's Programs, has been named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Women of America for 1975. Miss Keesling is the daughter of Paul W. and Ruth S. Keesling of Wichita, Kansas.

Karen Keesling believes in her work as a public servant. In July of 1974, she began working as a Staff Assistant in the Volunteer Division for the Committee to Reelect the President. After the election, she became Executive Secretary and Secretary's Advisor on the HEW Committee of Rights and Responsibilities.

Prior to her governmental work, Miss Keesling was Assistant Dean of Women at the University of Kansas from 1970-72, and Executive Director of the Intercollegiate Association of Women Students from 1969-71.

Deeply interested in women's organizations, Karen is National Young Careerist Chairman for the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. A member of the National ERA Ratification Council since 1972, she was a member of the United States Delegation to the 1975 United Nations World Conference for International Women's Year.

This year Miss Keesling was named to Personalities of the South and to Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans.

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Marjorie Fine Knowles
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Law Professor Marjorie Fine Knowles has been named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Women of America for 1975. Ms. Knowles is the daughter of Jesse J. and Roslyn L. Fine of New York, New York.

Recently promoted to Professor of Law at the University of Alabama School of Law, Marjorie Knowles graduated with honors from Harvard Law School in 1965. Since that time, she has constantly been involved in the governmental process.

A leader in the area of Equal Rights for Women, Ms. Knowles is an active member of numerous organizations including the National Conference on Women and the Law and Equal Rights for Women in Education Task Force. She presently serves as ERA project consultant for the California Commission on the Status of Women and is on the board of directors for the Women's Action Alliance in New York and the Ms. Foundation for Women.

Her interests in education, University activities and politics have kept her quite busy on many committees and advisory groups such as the Graduate and Faculty Scholarships Committee and the Alabama Women's Political Caucus.

Voted Woman of Achievement in 1974 by the Tuscaloosa BPW, Marjorie is the author of several articles published in professional journals and newsletters.



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Sandra Kay LeBeau
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

Tribal Councilwoman Sandra Kay LeBeau has been named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Women of the Year for 1975. Mrs. LeBeau is the daughter of Ione Bordeaux of Eagle Butte, South Dakota.

Sandra Kay LeBeau works very hard as a leader for her tribe, The Cheyenne River Sioux. A social worker for the State of South Dakota, and then a counselor at the University of South Dakota from 1971-74, she is now a tribal councilwoman for the people in her district. She is chairman for both the Housing and the Health, Education and Welfare Committees, and a member of the Cultural Center Committee of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. She is a board member for the South Dakota Indian Education Association, Youth Development and Recreation, Inc., the Cheyenne River Community College, and the Cheyenne-Eagle Butte Cooperative School Board.

Currently a member of the Task Force on Indian Women Heritage in South Dakota, Sandra has been a member of the Minnecojou Cultural Society since 1962. Educated at the University of South Dakota, she received her BS in Education in 1967 and her MA in Educational Psychology and Guidance in 1972. One of her many honors includes a Star Blanket that was awarded to her by the Tiyospaye Council in 1974.

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Colleen Ann Metternich
DeKalb, Illinois

Christian Education Director at Northern Illinois University, Colleen Ann Metternich, has been named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Women of the Year for 1975. Colleen is the daughter of Marcus and Martha Metternich of Carthage, Illinois.

A former Miss Illinois and winner of the Grand Talent Contest at the Miss America Pageant in 1974, Colleen Ann Metternich is presently Christian Education Director at Northern Illinois University. Prior to taking this position, she was a performer with the 1974-75 USO Asian Christmas Tour, for which she received the Outstanding Service Award from the Department of State. Her current civic activities include membership in the League of Women Voters and her position as Assistant Coordinator of Freedom Train Entertainment for the Peoria Bicentennial Commission.

Before becoming Miss Illinois, Colleen was instructor of music and speech in the Lowpoint-Washburn School District from 1972-1974. Then, she worked for one year as a housemother and counselor in a home for the emotionally disturbed sponsored by the Hancock County Mental Health Association. Miss Metternich received her BA in 1972 from Knox College, where she was elected into Phi Beta Kappa and was chosen as One of the Top Ten College Girls in America by Glamour Magazine.

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Sharon Raney Pallone
Little Rock, Arkansas

The corporation director for SCAN Volunteer Services, Inc., Sharon Raney Pallone, has been named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Women of the Year for 1975. Mrs. Pallone is the daughter of Dallas Poe and Helen Maye Raney of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Sharon R. Pallone has made remarkable progress in the field of child abuse counseling, for both the parents and the children. Founder and Director of Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Volunteer Services, Inc., Mrs. Pallone received national attention in a popular national women's magazine for the energetic and highly successful volunteer efforts of her organization. Before starting SCAN in 1972, she founded the Arkansas Laubauch Literacy Council, which led to the organization of the Arkansas Literacy Council in 1967.

Because of her expertise and innovations in child abuse counseling, Sharon has been asked to be a consultant and lecturer at numerous Child Abuse and Social Work Conferences all across the nation and to serve on various Arkansas state and local Child Protection Agency Boards. In 1974, Mrs. Pallone received the Outstanding Service in Human Relations Award from the Miles Chapel Church, while SCAN Volunteer Services, Inc. was named by the National Jaycees as one of the Top 100 Programs in the United States.

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Barbara Taylor Welander
Mount Pleasant, Iowa

Architect Barbara Taylor Welander has been named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Women of America for 1975. Mrs. Welander is the daughter of W. Ralph and Cornelia Poppy Taylor of Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

In 1974, Barbara Welander became the only woman architect registered in the state of Iowa. As an Iowa State University graduate with a bachelor's degree in architecture, she has completed many years of training with several architectural and engineering firms. During the past summer, she has been employed by the FHA as project inspector.

A corporate member of the American Institute of Architects, Mrs. Welander's abilities as a leader reach far beyond her chosen career. She is currently state vice president of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Auxiliary, township chairman for the Henry County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and a member of the Mount Pleasant CBD Development executive planning committee.

Active in numerous fund-raising and membership drives, she has campaigned for the Mount Pleasant Community Chest, the Henry County Cancer Association and the Girl Scout Shining Trail Council. Church work is also quite important to Barbara who is chairman of the board of deacons and a member of several church committees.



Donna Brownsberger Zajonc

~~Klamath Falls,~~ Oregon

Salem,

Psychiatric Nurse Donna Brownsberger Zajonc has been named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Women of America for 1975. Mrs. Zajonc is the daughter of Joe H. and Lois Brownsberger of Appleton City, Missouri.

Donna Zajonc is involved with people. She works with minority groups, the business community and state and local governments. The coauthor of a grant for the first Indian alcoholism project funded by the state of Oregon, she assisted as it later developed into a large, multi-service alcoholism program. She also initiated and developed plans for a dental clinic with special emphasis on dental education and serving school-age children.

Quite active with the League of Women Voters, Mrs. Zajonc is presently chairman of the Government Services Committee. In addition, she serves on the state board of directors for the Alliance Concerned with School-Age Parents and participates in the activities of the American Nurses Association, the Substance Abuse Association and the Oregon Alcohol and Health Association.

While seeking a master's degree in public affairs in health service from the University of Oregon, Donna is working as a psychiatric nurse and counselor at a Methodone Outpatient Clinic.