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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 5, 1975

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

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

EVENT: Christmas Party

GROUP: Hospital for Sick Children

DATE: Thursday, December 18, 1975

TIME: 1:30 p.m. Party begins
 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Ford arrives

PLACE: Hospital for Sick Children
 1731 Bunker Hill Road, Northeast, Washington D.C.
 Enrichment Program Room

CONTACT: Mrs. Lorene Nagel
 O: 832-4400
 H: 986-1065

COMMENTS: Mrs. Ford will again attend the annual Christmas party at the Hospital for Sick Children which has been one of her favorite projects. The party itself will begin at 1:30 when the children awaken from their naps. Their program will be held before Mrs. Ford arrives from 1:30 to 2:00. When Mrs. Ford arrives at 2:00 she will help serve the refreshments and will help Santa distribute his presents for the children. Her participation will probably be a maximum of 45 minutes.

Upon arrival, she will be met by Dr. Battle, a pediatrician; Mrs. Parker, Immediate Past President; and Mr. Harrison Brand III, newly elected President. Also attending will be Admiral Barnes who puts on the party for the children and Board President



Reverend Azlein. Mrs. Nagel will be expecting a call from you at your convenience to work out the details of the arrangements.

Thank you.

c: BF Staff
Red Cavaney
William Nicholson
Sara Massengale
Rex Scouten
Staircase



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MRS. FORD
VIA: RED CAVANEY *RC*
FROM: PETER SORUM *PS*
SUBJECT: YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE ANNUAL
HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN
CHRISTMAS PARTY, Hospital for Sick
Children, Washington, D. C.
Thursday, December 18, 1975

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

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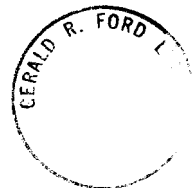
DISAPPROVE _____

BACKGROUND

Each year the Hospital for Sick Children holds a Christmas Party for the residents and out patients which includes entertainment, refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus. Again this year you have been asked to participate with Santa in the present distribution as well as assist the staff in passing cookies to the children. As a token of their appreciation to you for your interest and support, the children have prepared a special Christmas Card for you which will be presented to you after you share your Christmas greetings.



TAB
A



12/15/75

3:30 pm

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

MRS. FORD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE
ANNUAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN
CHRISTMAS PARTY

Hospital for Sick Children
Washington, D. C.
Thursday, December 18, 1975

- 1:30 pm Mrs. Ford boards motorcade on South Grounds.
MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route
Hospital for Sick Children (1731 Bunker Hill Road, N. E.).
[Driving time: 25 minutes]
- 1:55 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Hospital for Sick Children.
Mrs. Ford will be met by:
Reverend Arthur A. Azlein, Board President
Mrs. Barrington (Marjorie) Parker, Immediate
Past President
Dr. Constance Battle, Medical Coordinator
- Mrs. Ford, escorted by Dr. Battle, proceeds to
Activity Room foyer to greet Admiral Willis C. Barnes,
Commanding Officer, Naval Ship Engineering Center,
and Mrs. Lorene Nagel, Director, Community Relations,
Hospital for Sick Children.
- 2:00 pm Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mrs. Nagel, proceeds to stage
area to offer Christmas greetings to the children.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE
ATTENDANCE: 120

- 2:05 pm Mrs. Ford is joined by LeShawn Beasley (4 years old) who will present a Christmas Card from the children.
- 2:08 pm Mrs. Ford, escorted by LeShawn Beasley, takes her seat.
- 2:10 pm Admiral Barnes presents check to Rev. Azlein.
- 2:12 pm Rev. Azlein responds.
- 2:15 pm Mrs. Ford is invited by Mrs. Nagel to assist in passing cookies to children.
- 2:30 pm Santa Claus arrives.
- 2:31 pm Mrs. Ford joins Santa Claus in distributing presents to children.

NOTE: Staff members will assist in distributing after Santa & Mrs. Ford read the names on the gifts.

- 2:45 pm Mrs. Ford bids farewell to Santa and the children and departs Activity Room en route motorcade for boarding.
- 2:50 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Hospital for Sick Children en route South Grounds.

[Driving time: 25 minutes]

- 3:15 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.
- Mrs. Ford proceeds to residence.