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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

THE NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

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Washington Hilton Hotel

Thursday - January 29, 1976

Departure: 7:40 A.M.

From: Terry O'Donnello

BACKGROUND:

The 24th Annual National Prayer Breakfast is sponsored by the House and Senate Prayer Breakfast groups. Among the 2,800 guests will be national leaders in the Executive, Judicial, Legislative, Diplomatic and Military branches.

You and Mrs. Ford will meet the head table guests in the Washington Hilton's Cabinet Room, and be on hand for both the breakfast and program portion of the event, during which you will be called upon for <u>remarks</u>.

It is our understanding that Mike Ford and his friend, Tom Gettman, will accompany you. They will sit at a table with Reverend and Mrs. Billy Zeoli and Mrs. John W. Peterson.

SEQUENCE

7:40 a.m.

You, Mrs. Ford, Mike Ford and Tom Gettman board motorcade on South Grounds and depart en route the Washington Hilton Hotel.

7:47 a.m.

Arrive Washington Hilton Hotel where you will be met by Representative Richardson Preyer (D-N.C.), Chairman, National Prayer Breakfast Committee, and Earl McDonough, Washington Hilton General Manager.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE FORD

You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by Rep. Preyer, proceed via elevator to Cabinet Room to greet Head Table Guests.

7:47 a.m.

Mike Ford and Tom Gettman are escorted to their seats in the Ballroom.

7:50 a.m.

You and Mrs. Ford arrive at the Cabinet Room.

NOTE: A prayer will be offered for Head Table guests.

OFFICIAL PHOTO COVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 25

7:55 a.m.

You and Mrs. Ford proceed to Presidential Holding Room.

7:56 a.m.

Head Table guests depart Cabinet Room and proceed to their seats.

NOTE: After the Head Table guests are seated, Rep. Preyer will return to the Holding Room.

7:59 a.m.

You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by Rep. Preyer, depart Presidential Holding Room en route offstage announcement area and pause for announcement.

8:00 a.m.

Announcement.

You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by Rep. Preyer, proceed onto Head Table platform and take your seats. You will be seated in the third seat, stage right. Mrs. Ford will be to your right in the fourth seat.

WRITING PRESS POOL COVERAGE (WITH OFFICIAL PHOTO COVERAGE) ATTENDANCE: 2,800



8:01 a.m.	Opening Song, The Legend Singers.
8:04 a.m.	Opening remarks by Rep. Preyer, Master of Ceremonies.
8:06 a.m.	Opening prayer by James Exon, Governor of Nebraska.
8:10 a.m.	Breakfast is served.
8:20 a.m.	Introduction of Head Table guests and statement by Rep. Preyer.
8:25 a.m.	Greetings from the House Breakfast Group and Old Testament Reading by Rep. Charles Bennett (D-Fla.).
8:30 a.m.	Greetings from the Senate Breakfast Group and New Testament Reading by Senator James Allen (D-Fla.).
8:35 a.m.	Prayer for National Leaders by Francine Neff, Treasurer of the U.S.
8:38 a.m.	Message by Sen. Mark Hatfield (R-Oregon).
8:50 a.m.	Introduction of you by Rep. Preyer.
8:51 a.m.	PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS.
	WRITING PRESS POOL COVERAGE (WITH OFFICIAL PHOTO COVERAGE)
9:00 a.m.	Your remarks conclude. You return to your seat.
9:00 a.m.	Closing song, "It Takes Time to Know a Country" by The Legend Singers.

9:04 a.m.



Closing prayer by Thomas Kleppe, Secretary of the Interior. . / . :

9:07 a.m.

You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by Rep. Preyer, depart Head Table en route motorcade.

9:07 a.m.

Mike Ford and Tom Gettman are escorted from their seats to the motorcade.

NOTE: Rep. Preyer will bid farewell

at the motorcade.

Motorcade departs Washington Hilton Hotel en route South Grounds.

Arrive South Grounds.

9:10 a.m.

9:17 a.m.

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