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FACT SHEET
Mrs. Ford's Office

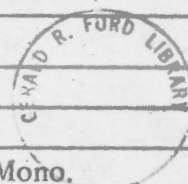
Event Reception
 Group Former Members of Congress Auxiliary
 DATE/TIME Friday, May 21, 1976 3:00 p. m.
 Contact Mrs. Henry Talle Phone 656-4612
 Number of guests: Total 60-90 Women x Men -- Children --
 Place State Floor
 Principals involved Mrs. Ford
 Participation by Principal yes (Receiving line) yes (?)
 Remarks required yes
 Background This Reception is being held the day following the Congressional Club Breakfast for the First Lady. The Auxiliary will be presenting Mrs. Ford with an Honorary Life Certificate at the Reception.

REQUIREMENTS

Social: Guest list yes (Pat Howard will distribute)
 Invitations no Programs no Menus no
 Refreshments yes (coffee, tea, tea pastries and tea sandwiches)
 Entertainment no
 Decorations/flowers yes
 Music yes
 Social Aides yes
 Dress Short dresses for the ladies Coat check ?
 Other --

Press: Reporters TO BE RESOLVED
 Photographers _____
 TV Crews _____
 White House Photographers yes Color yes Mono. _____
 Other --

Technical Support: Microphones yes PA Other Rooms no
 Recording yes
 Lights no
 Transportation cars - enter thru SW Gate - DRR
 Parking South Grounds
 Housing --
 Other -- (Risers, stage, platforms) platform



Project Co-ordinator Pat Howard Phone 2927

Site diagrams should be attached if technical support is heavy.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 20, 1976

FOR: MRS. FORD
FROM: MARIA DOWNS *μ*

Attached for your review and approval is the proposed scenario for your Reception for the Former Members of Congress Auxiliary.

As noted on the scenario, the ladies will be wearing name tags with their names rather than their husband's name.

The Vice President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Clair Engle, will not attend the Reception as she will be leaving town at 3:00 p.m. Therefore, there will be three principals instead of four.

The Former Members of Congress Auxiliary is in Washington for their Spring Meeting and their schedule is as follows:

Thursday - May 20th
5-7 p.m. Congressional Reception
(Caucus Room, Cannon House Office Bldg.)

Friday - May 21st
10:30 a.m. - Tour of Vice President's Official
Residence

12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m. Brunch and Business Meeting
(The Congressional Club)

2:30 p.m. - Leave for White House
3:00 p.m. - Tea at the White House

Evening - Plans Incomplete

Thank you.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MRS. FORD:

Event: Reception for the Former Members of Congress Auxiliary

Date/Time: May 21, 1976 3:00 p. m.

Place: State Dining Room

Number of
Attendees: Approximately 120 guests

Principals: Mrs. Henry O. Talle, President, Former Members of
Congress Auxiliary
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Mrs. Charles B. Brownson, Secretary, Former Members
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Schedule of
Events:

3:00 p. m.

Your guests will arrive through the Southeast Gate and will enter the White House through the Diplomatic Reception Room. They will be escorted to the State Dining Room where they will be served refreshments.

NOTE: Coffee, iced tea, tea sandwiches and pastries will be served.

3:05 p. m.

After your guests have arrived, Maria Downs will escort you to the Grand Hall via elevator where you will meet the principals, Gladyce Talle, Janis Battle, and Anna Brownson. You will pause for a photograph with them.



You will then proceed with the principals into the State Dining Room to the small platform which will be located along the center of the south end wall. You will make brief welcoming remarks. At the conclusion of your remarks, Mrs. Talle will present on behalf of the Former Members of Congress Auxiliary an Honorary Life Membership in the Auxiliary to you.

NOTE: The presentation will include a certificate in a leather folder.

You will express appreciation for the Honorary Life Membership in the Auxiliary and then mingle informally with your guests.

NOTE: Your guests will be wearing name tags.

3:40 p. m.

You will bid farewell to your guests and return to the Family Quarters.

NOTES:

Marine Corps String Ensemble will be positioned in the Grand Hall.

Social Aides will be present.

There will be full press coverage.

A White House photographer will be present.

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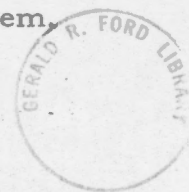
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May 24, 1976

NOTE TO MARGE WACKLEIN

From: Carolyn Porembka

The Former Members of Congress Auxiliary gave Mrs. Ford the following gifts last Friday at her reception for them.

A lovely hand-made ceramic doll in her likeness. Its dress was designed from 90-year old satin.

A wooden rocking chair which was hand-made. (See attached note)

An initiated Congressional Club Bicentennial needlepoint pillow.

A small rectangular red, white and blue doorstep. . .

Please acknowledge.

Thanks.

Carolyn Porembka



Realize how busy you have been today!

THE FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AUXILIARY

The Former Members of Congress Auxiliary was organized in the spring of 1972 as an adjunct to the Former Members of Congress.

Impressed with your objectives

Our objectives are to support the Former Members of Congress in the following ways, briefly: promote the cause of good government by strengthening and improving the U.S. Congress as an institution through research and educational activities; provide material and speakers to develop a better understanding of and interest in our system of government and its institutions; and to preserve among members the fellowship and friendships developed while in the Congress.

In conjunction with the Former Members of Congress, the Auxiliary holds two meetings each - one in the spring, one in the autumn.

The Auxiliary membership is composed of approximately 300 wives and widows of former members of the Congress. (Mrs. Ford is a member and The President is a member of the FMC).

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Interested

In October 1974 the meeting was held in Philadelphia, at the invitation of the Philadelphia Bicentennial Agency, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the First Continental Congress. The group held its meeting in Carpenter's Hall where the First Continental Congress met in 1774. Ten distinguished former Members of the Senate and House of Representatives delivered speeches there. A booklet containing those historic speeches is available to libraries, colleges and high schools for reference and study.

What a wonderful time you must have

Last September 1975 the autumn meeting was held in Boston in cooperation with the Boston Bicentennial Commemoration Committee. Members made a tour of the historic Lexington-Concord area, visited homes of Hawthorne, Emerson, Louisa May Alcott, toured Harvard University and had a preview of the Kennedy Library. A banquet in honor of former Speaker John W. McCormack was held at the Copley Plaza Hotel.

The Auxiliary has contributed \$1,000.00 to the Former Members of Congress which was matched by funds from the Lilly Foundation for the FMC Oral History Project.

The Auxiliary contributed \$800.00 to help defray printing costs of the Congressional Club Bicentennial edition of the cook book, introduced on March 24.

This morning (May 21) the Auxiliary toured the official residence of the Vice President; held its business meeting and luncheon in the Congressional Club.

The 1976 autumn meeting of the FMC and Auxiliary is scheduled to be held in Williamsburg, Virginia, November 12 - 14.

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IT'S SO WONDERFUL OF YOU ALL TO COME!
I SAW SOME OF YOU YESTERDAY
AT THE FIRST LADY'S BREAKFAST.
BUT IT ISN'T POSSIBLE
TO SEE DEAR FRIENDS TOO MUCH—
ESPECIALLY THOSE OF YOU WHO'VE MOVED AWAY
AND WE DON'T GET TO SEE AS OFTEN.



IT'S BEEN A VERY SPECIAL WEEK FOR US—

THE FRENCH VISIT AND THE PRIMARIES.

SEEING YOU ENDS THE WEEK

IN SUCH A WONDERFUL WAY.



WE SHARED MANY HAPPY TIMES

IN OUR YEARS AS CONGRESSIONAL WIVES,

AND THE BEST PART REMAINS---

THE FRIENDSHIPS.

IT'S JUST SO GOOD TO BE WITH YOU.

THANKS FOR COMING!

