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MRS. FORD

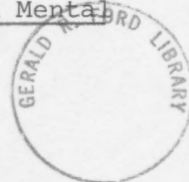
1:10 p.m.

Thursday, December 16, 1976

Map Room

Photograph accepting award from  
President's Committee on Mental  
Retardation

Guests: Secretary David Mathews, HEW  
Mr. Fred Krause, Executive Director, PCMR  
Lorraine Beede, Vice Chairman, PCMR  
Jean Collier



When your guests have assembled, Susan Porter will escort you to the Map Room for photographs of your accepting a special award from the President's Committee on Mental Retardation. As you know, you have been an honorary member of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation since March 1975 and it is in recognition of your public statements and encouragement of work with the mentally retarded that this award is being given.

At the conclusion, you will walk next door to the Diplomatic Reception Room for the next photo.

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1:20 p.m.

Thursday, December 16, 1976

Diplomatic Reception Room

Photograph accepting wheelchair  
for the White House given by  
the Wilkes Barre Kiwanis Wheelchair  
Club

Guests: Mr. William H. Young, President, Wilkes Barre Kiwanis  
Wheelchair Club  
Mr. George H. Strimel, Jr., President, Wilkes Barre  
Kiwanis Club  
Mr. Nelson F. Carle, Executive Vice President, Wilkes  
Barre Kiwanis Wheelchair Club  
Mr. James R. Burress, Executive Director, Committee for  
the Handicapped, People-to-People Program  
Mr. W. J. McCahill, Sr., Consultant, Committee for the  
Handicapped, People-to-People Program

The Wilkes Barre Kiwanis Wheelchair Club presented a wheelchair to the White House during the Johnson Administration and now would like to present a newer one for use by people coming to the White House. Although a second chair is being given for designation to a charity of your choice, the focus of this meeting will only be on the White House chair. At the conclusion, you will depart for the Hospital for Sick Children.

susan porter

12/15/76

12:28 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 16, 1976

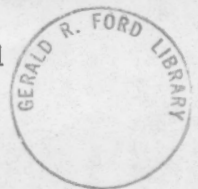
1:30 pm Mrs. Ford boards motorcade on South Grounds.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route  
Hospital for Sick Children (1731 Bunker Hill Rd., N. E.).

[Driving time: 25 minutes]

1:55 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Hospital for Sick Children.

Mrs. Ford will be met by:  
Harrison Brand, III, Board President  
Mrs. William Alexander, Trustee and  
Christmas Party Chairman



Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mr. Brand, proceeds to  
Activity Room foyer to greet Admiral Willis C. Barnes,  
Commanding Officer, Naval Ship Engineering Center,  
Mrs. Lorene Nagel, Director, Community Relations,  
Hospital for Sick Children, and Mr. Dale Lowe,  
Hospital Administrator.

2:00 pm Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mrs. Nagel, proceeds to  
stage area to offer Christmas greetings to the children.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 150

2:05 pm Mrs. Ford is joined by child who will present a Christmas Card from the children.

2:08 pm Mrs. Ford takes her seat.

2:10 pm Admiral Barnes presents check to Mr. Brand.

2:12 pm Mr. Brand responds.

2:13 pm Mr. Lowe presents plaque of appreciation to Mrs. Ford.

2:14 pm Mrs. Ford 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.

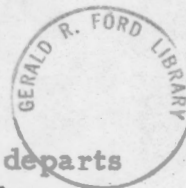
2:45 pm Mrs. Ford bids farewell to the children and ~~departs~~ Activity Room en route motorcade for boarding, escorted by Mr. Brand, Mr. Lowe, Mrs. Nagel & Santa.

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.



Hospital for Sick Children, Plaque Presentation,  
December 16, 1976

Thank you, Mr. Lowe! The Hospital for Sick  
Children will always be near and dear to my heart.  
The wonderful work the Hospital does with handicapped  
children is so important in our community. I want  
to wish you continued success with your programs.

To all of you, a very merry Christmas and a  
happy new year.

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For immediate release  
December 16, 1976

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

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Mrs. Ford will attend a Christmas party at the Hospital for Sick Children in Washington, D.C. today at 2 p.m.

The party is held annually for about 100 children, and this is the third year Mrs. Ford has attended. The Hospital is a specialized institution which provides intermediate care to infants, children and adolescents. Mrs. Ford considers the Hospital a special interest.

The party is sponsored by the Naval Ship Engineering Company, represented by Adm. Willis C. Barnes, the commanding officer. Admiral Barnes will present the Hospital with a check from the Naval Ship Engineering Company.

Meeting Mrs. Ford at the entrance will be Harrison Brand III, president of the Hospital board, and Mrs. William Alexander, trustee and party chairman.

Mrs. Ford will take part in a brief program with Adm. Barnes; Mrs. Lorene Nagel, director of community relations for the Hospital; and Dale Lowe, Hospital administrator. Mrs. Ford will be presented with a plaque or appreciation for her support.

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The Hospital is located at 1731 Bunker Hill Road NE

