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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

#### WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM TO:

PHIER SORUM SUSAN PORTER Action Memo

SUBJECT:

FROM:

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

EVENT: Opening Concert Series

GROUP: The Cabinet wives and the National Symphony Orchestra

DATE: Monday, March 10, 1975

TIME: Arrive 10:45 a.m. (concert begins at 11:00 a.m.)

PLACE: Concert Hall, Kennedy Center

CONTACT: Mrs. Frederick B. Dent 966-6776

COMMENTS: This is an annual endeavor of the Cabinet wives in cooperation with the National Symphony Orchestra to sponsor a series of concerts for all fourth grade students in the District of Columbia. The purpose is to expose all the children of the city to the Symphony, the Kennedy Center and, in a broader sense, to expand their cultural horizons. Mrs. Ford will attend the opening concert and will greet the children as they are being seated. The file is attached. Thank you.

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c: BF Staff Red Cavaney Warren Rustand James Connor Rex Scouten Staircase

February 20, 1975

Mrs. Frederick Dent called regarding the first of the concerts at the Kennedy Center. (Mrs.Ford)ske said she would attend Monday, March 10, however, the time has been changed from 10:00 until 11:00. It would be great if Mrs. Ford could arrive at about 10:45 to greet the children before they are seated. (Mrs. Dent - 966-6776)

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### December 20, 1974

Dear Friends.

How much I appreciated your gracious letter inviting me to attend the opening concert of the series of concerts being planned for all fourth grade students in the District of Columbia. I would be pleased to attend on Monday, March 10th and I look forward to joining you at that time.

With gratitude and my warmest best wishes,

Sincerely.

Urs. Townsend W. Hoopes Urs. Frederick B. Dent National Symphony Orchestra John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Washingtom, D. C. 20566

c: /BF Accept (March 10)

# THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

Dear Mrs. Ford,

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You are invited to participate in the opening concert of a series of concerts for all 4th grade students in the District of Columbia. This is a joint endeavor sponsored by the National Symphony and the Cabinet wives. They are especially hoping you will be able to attend this opening concert at 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 10 at the Kennedy Center. Hope you can.

Attend Monday, March 10 Regret

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Thank you,

National Symphony Orchestra John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Washington, D.C. 20566 Telephone: 202-785-8100 Cable Address: Natsym

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National Gymphony

December 3, 1974

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Ford:

Once again the Cabinet wives and a group of music lovers are combining efforts to sponsor a series of concerts for all fourth grade students in the District of Columbia, to be played by the National Symphony Orchestra led by the resident conductor, Murray Sidlin, and featuring the D.C. Youth Chorale.

The concerts will be held on March 10, 11 and 12, 1975 at 10:00 a.m. and again 12:15 p.m. each day. It is a special pleasure to invite you to attend the opening concert at 10:00 a.m. on <u>Monday, March 10</u>, at the <u>Kennedy Center Concert</u> Hall.

We know of your genuine interest in the performing arts, and we know the children would be especially thrilled by your presence on that occasion. Accordingly, we hope your schedule will permit you to be with us.

Most sincerely,

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Mrs. Townsend W. Hoopes Chairman, Fourth Grade Concerts

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Mrs. Frederick B. Dent Chairman, Cabinet Wives

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

VIA:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

NANCY HOWE RED CAVANEY PETER SORUM

MRS. FORD'S ATTENDANCE AT THE CABINET WIVES CONCERT OF THE NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Kennedy Center Monday, March 10, 1975

Attached at TAB A is the proposed schedule for Mrs. Ford's attendance at the Cabinet Wives Concert of the National Symphony Orchestra.

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#### BACKGROUND

Each year, the Cabinet Wives sponsor a series of concerts by the National Symphony Orchestra for the Fourth Grade Students of the Metropolitan area. Our guidance indicates that Mrs. Ford has agreed to attend the first concert in the series and offer welcoming remarks.

Mrs. Ford will be returning to the White House following her remarks rather than remaining for the Concert, in response to the President's request that she be present for the swearing in of Mrs. Carla Hills as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development at 12:00 noon.

#### PROPOSED SCHEDULE

## MRS. FORD'S ATTENDANCE AT THE CABINET WIVES CONCERT OF THE NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

### Kennedy Center Monday, March 10, 1975

10:45 am Mrs. Ford boards motorcade on South Grounds.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

[Driving time: 7 minutes]

10:52 am MOTORCADE ARRIVES Kennedy Center entrance (Parking Garage Level "B").

Mrs. Ford will be met by:

Mrs. Frederick (Millie) Dent, Chairman, Cabinet Wives Mrs. Townsend W. (Ann) Hoopes, Chairman, Fourth Grade Concerts

- 10:55 am Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mrs. Dent and Mrs. Hoopes, proceeds to the Concert Hall stage holding area.
- 10:58 am Mrs. Ford arrives holding area.

11:00 am Mrs. Hoopes opens the concert program and announces Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Dent.

11:00 am Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mrs. Dent, proceeds to center stage and remains standing.

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11:02 am Introduction of Mrs. Ford by Mrs. Dent.

11:03 am Mrs. Ford's remarks.

#### FULL PRESS COVERAGE

11:05 am

Remarks conclude.

11:06 am Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mrs. Dent and Mrs. Hoopes, departs Concert Hall Stage en route motorcade for boarding.

11:13 am Mrs. Ford boards motorcade.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS Kennedy Center en route South Grounds.

[Driving time: 7 minutes]

11:20 am

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MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.

For immediate release Friday, March 7, 1975

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

Mrs. Ford will offer brief welcoming remarks at a Cabinet Wives Concert of the National Symphony Orchestra Monday, March 10 at 11 a.m. at the Kennedy Center's Concert Hall.

This is one of a series of concerts by the National Symphony Orchestra for fourth grade students in the metropolitan area. About 2300 children are expected to attend.

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note: Mrs. Ford will return to the White House following her remarks to attend the swearing-in ceremony for Mrs. Carla Hills as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development at noon.

Please notify Mrs. Ford's press office (x2164) if you plan to accompany the motorcade. Pickup in press lobby at 10:30 a.m.