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MAY 5, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Ken Keating was an outstanding public servant and an old and valued friend. He was my colleague in the Congress from New York State for nine years and then went on to serve with distinction in the United States Senate.

With the conclusion of his Congressional years, Ken began another distinguished career, this time as a diplomat, ably representing America as Ambassador to both India and Israel. His integrity, dedication and devotion to duty made him a most valued public servant.

As United States representative in Tel Aviv for the past two years, Ambassador Keating has played a critical role in the formulation and execution of our policies in the Middle East. He was known by both Americans and Israelis for his statesmanship, his gentle grace, and his commitment to peace.

Seldom has one man led a more versatile or useful public life. Mrs. Ford joins with me in condolences to his family.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MISS SUSAN PORTER

FROM: TERRY O'DONNELL *TOV*

This is just to confirm our conversation regarding the President's request that Mrs. Ford represent him at Ambassador Keating's funeral services at St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square, 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 8.

cc: Mr. Cheney
Dr. Connor
Mr. Nessen
Mrs. Weidenfeld
Advance Office
W-16



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MRS. FORD

FROM: PETER SORUM *P.S.*

SUBJECT: YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE
FUNERAL OF AMBASSADOR
KENNETH KEATING
St. John's Church
Thursday, May 8, 1975

Attached at TAB A is the proposed schedule for your attendance at the funeral of Ambassador Kenneth Keating.

APPROVE _____

DISAPPROVE _____

Church Policy says no cameras

5/7/75
3:00 pm

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

MRS. FORD'S ATTENDANCE AT THE
FUNERAL OF AMBASSADOR KENNETH KEATING
St. John's Episcopal Church
Thursday, May 8, 1975

10:55 am Mrs. Ford boards motorcade on South Grounds.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route
St. John's Church.

[Driving time: 3 minutes]

10:56 am Secretary of State Kissinger arrives
St. John's Church.

10:57 am Vice President Rockefeller arrives
St. John's Church.

10:58 am MOTORCADE ARRIVES St. John's Church.

Mrs. Ford proceeds to pew 54 and is seated.

11:00 am Funeral service begins.

11:25 am Funeral service concludes.

11:26 am The family departs.

11:29 am Mrs. Ford departs pew 54 en route motorcade
for boarding.

11:32 am MOTORCADE DEPARTS St. John's Church en route
South Grounds.

[Driving time: 3 minutes]

11:35 am MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Pres. & Mrs. Ford have
known the Keating's
since -

1948 - 81ST Congress

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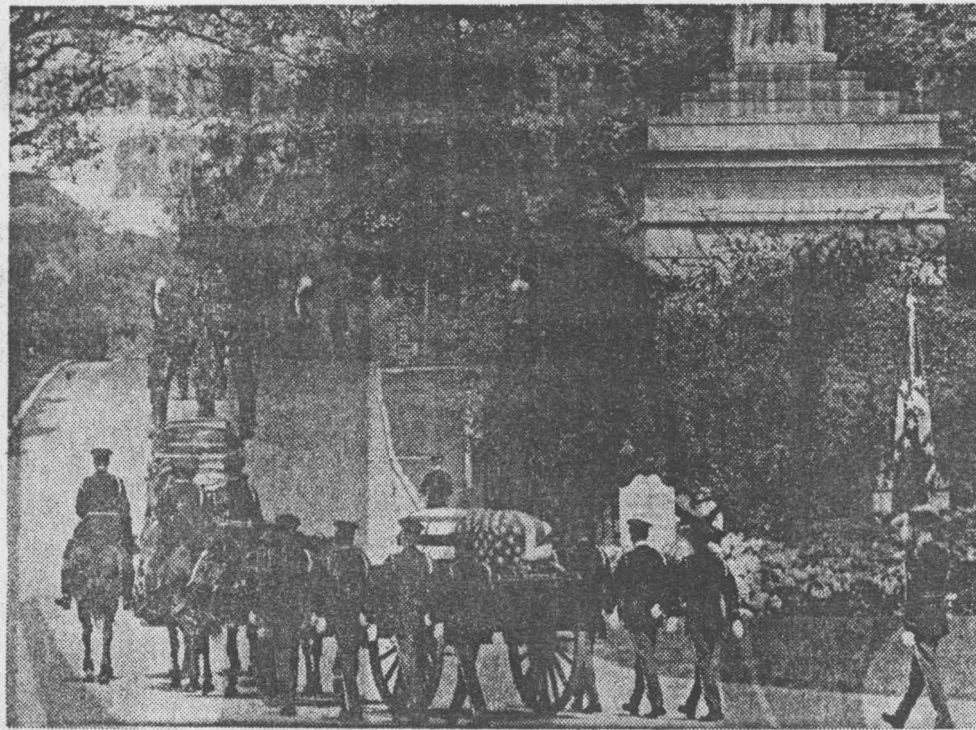
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Mrs. Bruce

4:00 - 4:15



By Charles Del Vecchio—The Washington Post



By Ken Felt—The Washington Post

Chief Justice Burger, Vice President Rockefeller, Betty Ford and Secretary Kissinger at the funeral service for Ambassador Keating and the procession at Arlington Cemetery.

Keating Buried at Arlington After Service at St. John's

Ambassador Kenneth B. Keating was buried with full military honors at Arlington Cemetery.

service to his country." The church is located at 1525 H St. NW, across Lafayette Square from the White House.

ceded by a riderless horse with the boots reversed in the stirrups.

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