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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 21, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MRS. FORD

VIA:

FROM:

JACK WILLIAMS

RED CAVANEY

SUBJECT:

YOUR VISIT TO PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA Monday, April 26, 1976

Attached at TAB A is the Proposed Schedule for the subject event.

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

## BACKGROUND

You have accepted the invitation of The Golden Slipper Club, one of the leading fraternal and philanthropic organizations in Philadelphia, who will present you with the "Spirit of Independence" award for service to the country. The Golden Slipper Club sponsors, among other things, the Golden Slipper Camp for underprivileged boys and girls in the Pocono Mountains each summer as well as day trips for the elderly. The Club in the past has honored President Harry Truman, John Cardinal Krol, Dr. Martin Luther King, Senator Hugh Scott, Ambassador Arthur Goldberg, Lady Bird Johnson, and Mrs. Pat Nixon. You will receive this award during a dinner which will be attended by 700 people.

Prior to the dinner, the Club will host a VIP Cocktail Reception with 200 guests attending.

# DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

700,000 Philadelphians signed petitions that were delivered to the White House March 22, 1976, requesting that the Declaration of Independence be brought to Philadelphia for the Bicentennial. Prior to this, the National Archives and the Library of Congress had determined that the document is too fragile to move. As an alternative, the committee representing the Philadelphians were offered the option of borrowing the "Stone Plate" -- a mirror image copper engraving of the Declaration of Independence made from the original document between 1820 and 1823 by William J. Stone at the direction of Secretary of State John Quincy Adams.

You will unveil the "Stone Plate" engraving of the Declaration at the newly rennovated Franklin Square -- a monument to Benjamin Franklin restored by the National Park Service. Prior to the unveiling you will take a brief tour of the Franklin Square escorted by Mr. Hobart Cawood, Park Superintendent, who you met when you visited the Liberty Bell in January. Because of the intense public interest by the citizens of Philadelphia in this project, it is recommended that you make this brief stop.

#### PROPOSED SCHEDULE

4/21/76 4:15 pm

# MRS. FORD'S VISIT TO PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Monday, April 26, 1976

1:45 pm EST Mrs. Ford boards motorcade on South Grounds.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route Andrews AFB.

[Driving time: 25 minutes]

MOTOR CADE ARRIVES Andrews AFB.

2:10 pm

Mrs. Ford boards C-9.

C-9 DEPARTS Andrews AFB en route Air National Guard Terminal, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

> [Flying time: 40 minutes] [No time change.]

2:55 pm

C-9 ARRIVES Air National Guard Terminal, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

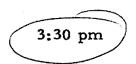
Mrs. Ford will be met by:

Mrs. Ford proceeds to motorcade for boarding.

3:00 pm

MOTORCADE DEPARTS Air National Guard Terminal en route Franklin Square.

[Driving time: 30 minutes]



MOTORCADE ARRIVES Franklin Square.

2:15 pm

Mrs. Ford will be met by:

Mr. Hobart G. Cawood, Superintendent Independence National Historical Park

Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mr. Cawood, proceeds inside Franklin Square for tour of facility ending at dais assembly area.

#### OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

3:47 pm

3:56 pm

Mrs. Ford arrives dais assembly area, informally greets guests, then proceeds to stage and takes her seat.

# OPEN PRESS COVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 250

3:50 pm

3:53 pm

Remarks by Master of Ceremonies, Dr. James B. O'Neill, Deputy Archivist of the United States.

Introduction of Mrs. Ford by Dr. O'Neill.

Remarks by Representative of the City of Philadelphia.

3:55 pm

Mrs. Ford's remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

3:58 pm Remarks conclude.

Mrs. Ford unveils the "Stone Plate and Engraving" of the Declaration of Independence.

NOTE: Dr. O'Neill and Mr. Cawood will escort Mrs. Ford to unveiling site.

4:03 pm Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mr. Cawood, departs Franklin Square en route motorcade for boarding.

4:08 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Franklin Square en route Bellevue Stratford Hotel. [Driving time: 7 minutes]

MOTOR CADE ARRIVES Bellevue Stratford Hotel.

### Mrs. Ford will be met by:

Mrs. Ford proceeds to Suite.

4:20 pm

4:15 pm

Mrs. Ford arrives Suite.

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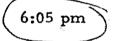
PERSONAL/STAFF TIME: 1 hour, 40 minutes

NOTE: Attire for evening is formal for Head Table, informal for all others.

Mr. Frank Brodsky, President of The Golden Slipper Club, arrives Suite.

6:00 pm

Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mr. Brodsky, departs Suite en route Crystal Ballroom for VIP Reception.



Mrs. Ford arrives Crystal Ballroom and informally greets guests.

6:40 pm

Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mr. Brodsky, departs Crystal Ballroom en route Ballroom for Dinner.

6:45 pm Mrs. Ford arrives Ballroom and proceeds to Head Table and remains standing.

6:48 pm National Anthem.

6:51 pm Invocation by Rabbi Bert ram Korn, Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel.

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•	6:55 p	m	Dinner is served.
	7:15 p	m	Introduction of Guests by Joseph Ball, Vice President of Golden Slipper Club.
	<b>7:</b> 50 p	m	Dinner concludes.
	• •		Welcoming remarks by Mr. Brodsky.
	<b>7:</b> 52 p	m	Remarks by Hillel Levinson, Managing Director of the City of Philadelphia.
	7:55 p	m	Review of Club's Projects.
	8:15 p	m	Entertainment by Cast of "Guys and Dolls."
	8:40 p	m	Entertainment concludes.
· · · · · ·	8:41 p	m	Introduction of Mrs. Ford by Mr. Brodsky, concluding with presentation of Award.
··· · · ·	8:42 pm	Mrs.	Ford's remarks.
•	· · ·		FULL PRESS COVERAGE
	8:45 pm	Rema	arks conclude.
		Mrs.	Ford remains standing.
	8:46 p	m	Benediction by Rabbi Frederic Kayan.
	8:48 pm		Ford, escorted by Mr. Brodsky, departs oom en route motorcade for boarding.
	8:55 pm		ORCADE DEPARTS Bellevue Stratford Hotel oute Philadelphia Air National Guard Terminal.
••••	•		[Driving time: 30 minutes]
	9:25 pm		ORCADE ARRIVES Philadelphia Air National d Terminal.
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# Mrs. Ford boards C-9.

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9:30 pm

# C-9 DEPARTS Philadelphia Air National Guard Terminal en route Andrews AFB.

[Flying time: 40 minutes] [No time change.]

10:10 pm

C-9 ARRIVES Andrews AFB.

Mrs. Ford boards motorcade.

10:15 pm

MOTORCADE DEPARTS Andrews AFB en route South Grounds.

[Driving time: 25 minutes]

10:40 pm

MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.

For Immediate Release Wednesday, April 21, 1976

> THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY TO MRS. FORD

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For further details contact Mrs. Ford's Press Office, 456-2164

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# THE WHITE HOUSE

#### Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

TEXT OF MRS. FORD'S REMARKS UPON RECEIPT OF THE "SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE AWARD" AT THE GOLDEN SLIPPER CLUB DINNER, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 26, 1976

Thank you so much. What an absolutely exquisite crystal eagle! I am deeply honored by this "Spirit of Independence" Award, especially because it comes from the Golden Slipper Club.

I've heard so many wonderful things about the work you do to help people. It seems to me the very best way to promote independence is to help people help themselves and that's exactly what you do. By providing a summer camp for the young, by taking older people on excursions, and by responding to individual needs---you are truly celebrating the Bicentennial.

You give of yourselves---your time and energy---and you reach out to individuals in a personal way. Somehow your recent work with Russian immigrants symbolizes how the Golden Slipper reacts to the needs of this community.

By your good works. . . you are honoring the "Spirit of Independence" by helping those in need stand tall and appreciate themselves.

I am deeply touched to be honored by a group that believes and practices its motto---people helping people. Your gift and award inspire me. Thank you so very much.

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May 3, 1976

Dear Shellie:

Just a note to thank you for all your help on the Philadelphia trip. You've been a tremendous help and I appreciate it.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Ms. Shellie Anderson Special Projects Director P. A. R. C. 1211 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

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# THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON April 9, 1976

PETER SORUM

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MEMORANDUM TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

Mrs. Ford will travel to Philadelphia on Monday, April 26, 1976 primarily to attend the Golden Slipper Dinner and also to participate in the presentation of the "Stone" plate which is a copper plate of the Declaration of Independence made in 1823 at the request of John Quincy Adams. The Stone plate will be displayed at the First National Bank of the United States in Philadelphia. Mrs. Ford will return to Washington that evening. Her visit will be the day before the Pennsylvania primary. It is my understanding Jack Williams (O: 343-6195; H: 333-2243) will do the advance.

Re: Golden Slipper Club Dinner

EVENT: Reception and Dinner

GROUP: Golden Slipper Club

TIME: 6:00 Reception 7:00 Dinner

PLACE: Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia

CONTACT: Mr. Joseph Ball O: (215) 923-9100 H: (215) 664-2041

The Golden Slipper Club is one of the leading fraternal and COMMENTS: philanthropic organizations in Philadelphia. Mrs. Ford will attend this special membership dinner at which time she will accept the "Spirit of Independence" Award for her service to the country. Originally the Golden Slipper Club had offered the Golden Globe Humanitarian Award to the President. However, Mrs. Ford will be honored in her own right in a separate recognition. The Golden Slipper Club sponsors, among other things, the Golden Slipper Camp for underprivileged boys and girls in the Pocono Mountains each summer. The Club in the past has honored Lady Bird Johnson, former President Harry Truman, Senator Hugh Scott, Dr. Martin Luther King, John Cardinal Krol, Ambassador Arthur Goldberg and Mrs. Nixon. The President of the Golden Slipper Club is Mr. Frank Brodsky. Mrs. Ford will return to Washington following this event.

Re: Stone Plate Presentation

EVENT: Participation in Presentation of Copper Plate of the Declaration of Independence (Stone Plate)

GROUP: National Archives, National Park Service, General Services Administration and Bicentennial Office

TIME: To Be Determined (Afternoon)

PLACE: To Be Determined

CONTACT: Mr. Meisel in the office of Deputy Archivist James O'Neill 523-3216 Mr. Hobart Cawood, Superintendent of Parks, National Park Service in Philadelphia (215) 923-6843

COMMENTS: <u>Please Note</u>: This event is not firm and will need to be pulled together by Jack on the advance. May we please stay in touch? Because excellent background from Milt Mitler is attached, I will not repeat the background. I believe Mrs. Ford's participation should be brief and will ultimately be a very nice photo opportunity. Dr. Ted Marrs and Milt Mitler of the White House Bicentennial Office have asked to be present on this occasion. Milt Mitler has asked that Hugh Scott make the announcement of the display and presentation on this plate. The file is attached.

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Thank you.

c: BF Staff Jack Williams Red Cavaney William Nicholson David Lissy Milt Mitler Rex Scouten Staircase

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Golden Slipper Club

1315 Walnut Street, Suite 1005, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107 (215) 546-1563

January 14, 1976

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PRESS CONTACT: MR. BALL 0: (213) WA3-9100 H: (#15) MD 4-2041

Frank Brodsky President

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Dear Mrs. Ford:

The Golden Slipper Club is one of the leading fraternal and philanthropic organizations in the Philadelphia area for over 55 years. As the president of the organization, it is my pleasure to extend, on the organization's behalf, an invitation to you to attend our next membership meeting as our quest of honor. This will be one of the area's major Bicentennial events to turn the nations attentionto Philadelphia in 1976.

The Executive Committee of the Golden Slipper would like to honor you for your service to our country, at a meeting to be held any evening of the following dates:

Monday, March 22, Thursday, March 25 or Monday, April 26 pur B7.

The Golden Slipper Camp covers 750 acres in the Pocono Mountains and it has served underprivileged boys and girls, regardless of race or creed for over a quarter of a century. Its present expanded facilities allow about 730 youngsters to enjoy three-week camping sessions in the summer. The camp is supported, not only by the philanthropic efforts of the Club, but by the Federation of Jewish Agencies and the United Fund.

When President Johnson was in the White House, the club honored Mrs. Johnson. Other distinguished honorees include former President Truman, Senator Hugh Scott, Dr. Martin Luther King, John Cardinal Krol, Ambassador Arthur Goldberg and Mrs. Nixon when she was First Lady.

We sincerely hope, that since an advance booking for space is required, we may have the honor of an early favorable reply.

Sincerely,

Frank Brodsky

Mrs. Ford White House Washington, D.C.

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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

# January 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUSAN PORTER DAVID LISS

SUBJECT:

FROM:

Golden Slipper Club

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A formal invitation to Mrs. Ford will go out this week. I am told they are very flexible on timing.

The attached will give you some background.

# Attachment

AYMOND ROSEN & CO., INC. • Parkside Avenue at 51st Street • Philadelphia, Penna. 19131 • 215 - 878 - 2200

EDWARD H. ROSEN PRESIDENT

January 5, 1976

Mr. David H. Lissy, Associate Director-Domestic Council, The White House, Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear David:

The other day I was talking to Frank Brodsky who is president of the Golden Slipper Club, an organization with which I am sure you are familiar, and he told me that he has been in touch with the White House. You may have guessed that he has extended an invitation to the President to come to Philadelphia to receive the Club's "Bicentennial Award."

Frank told me that Senator Scott had endorsed the request in writing and that the date is open - subject only to the requirement that it be sometime before mid-May.

There is ample precedent for a President of the United States to appear at the Golden Slipper - Harry Truman was honored in person and Ladybird Johnson and Pat Nixon were both honored while their respective husbands were in the White House.

For the record, Golden Slipper is a largely Jewish organization which operates a non-sectarian charity camp in the Pocono Mountains (800 boys and girls have visited there every year for about a quarter of a century). The other charitable works of the Slipper include scholarships, emergency welfare to victims of tragedy, an extensive program aiding senior citizens and the like.

If there is anything you can do to "push this invitation along" I would consider it a personal favor. The format could be worked out to the President's satisfaction and the political implications I think would be <u>extremely</u> favorable throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania. Thanks and best regards,

As always,

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

#### WASHINGTON

#### April 8, 1976

SUSAN PORTER

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#### MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

Susan, at the expense of being redundant, the copper plate of the Declaration of Independence, known as the "Stone" plate after the man who made it, was offered to a group of Philadelphians who delivered petitions to the President containing more than 700,000 signatures of people desiring to have the Declaration of Independence moved to Philadelphia for the Bicentennial year.

They have happily accepted this plate as an alternative and plan to display it in the First National Bank of the United States in Philadelphia. The Archives, which has the artifact, will deliver it to Philadelphia after they have pulled several prints from the plate. The prints, which will be the first made since the original prints were run, will be accomplished by the Bureau of Engraving.

This first exact and official reproduction of the complete engrossed Declaration, a mirror image, was prepared in 1823 by order of Secretary of State John Quincy Adams. The engraver was William J. Stone. He produced the copper plate by direct impression from the original. Two hundred copies were printed on parchment and distributed to the President, members of both Houses of Congress and the Supreme Court, and to each State governor and legislature. The plate measures 25 inches by  $30\frac{1}{2}$  inches. The parchment facsimilies bear the name of the engraver in the corner. Stone was later allowed to print copies from his plate, on paper, for general distribution. It is believed he printed about 2,500. These copies bear his name in the lower left side. Stone facsimilies are now rare.

The contacts at the Archives are the Deputy Archivist, Dr. James O'Neill (523-3132) or Mr. Meisel (523-3216). Both are directly involved in preparing the plate for delivery. In Philadelphia, my contact has been Hobart Cawood, Superintendent of Parks, National Park Service (215-WA 3-6843). The only one I have told of the possibility was Meisel and he was cautioned to say nothing. In the other cases, I have indicated that we were just looking at alternatives and needed some information.

It is expected the display area at the Bank will be ready by May 1 with an opening day for the display on June 15. Cawood would be

comfortable with a presentation ceremony either at the Bank or at Ben Franklin Square which will be dedicated on April 20. I believe the Square would be the better of the two for effect.

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If you need any further information, please let me know.

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

#### WASHINGTON

## March 26, 1976

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April 26, 1976 Franklin Court Philadelphia, pa.

### BICENTENNIAL QUILT

Mrs. Ford will sign a bicentennial quilt made by the "Bicentennial Women '76"....A group of Philadelphia area women who have the responsibility of maintaining the historic Bellaire Mansion in Fairmont Park.

The women have worked on this quilt project depicting Independence Hall since January 1976. It will be auctioned later this year and the proceeds will go to refurbish and refurnish the Bellaire Mansion.

"Bicentennial Women '76" will be represented by:

Mrs. May G. Kane, President Mrs. Althea Starer, Vice President Mrs. Anna Higgins, Member Mrs. Lourette Mc Namee, Member

Independence Hall is in terracotta on a background of blue cotton perchale.

# First Lady Signs Quilt Designed By Rydal Artist

Grand Rapids, nech.

#### By MARGUERITE MORRIS

TIMES CHRONICLE

"It is the most beautiful thing I've ever seen," said First Lady Betty Ford as she autographed a handsome quilt of

**Independence** Hall

would be in town.

Members of Bicentennial Women '76 went into action and arranged for an escort, Stanley French, of the Police Athletic League, to help transport the the picture of unconstrained free spirit she sometimes seems in the press, Mrs. Ford seemed to enjoy the few informal moments in the day's rigorous schedule.

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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