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~~OK'D By Cheney, Lyman, Schmitts,
Mathews, Levi, and the President~~
Notice to The Press *JWC*

At the President's direction this morning, the Secretary

of HEW has suspended, pending review by HEW's General Counsel,
the ruling of HEW's Office for Civil Rights that father-son breakfasts
held in a public school receiving Federal financial assistance would
violate Title IX of the 1972 amendments of the education laws. ^{FP} The

President advised the Secretary that he cannot believe that it was
the intent of Congress to prohibit mother-daughter, ^{or} father-son events

at schools ~~and~~ If, upon the legal review, it appeared that the
wording of Title IX mandated such an interpretation, ^{The President said} he would

immediately seek an amendment of the law. ^{PP} Secretary Mathews is
announcing today that HEW plans no enforcement action as to these
kinds of events occurring during the review period and will advise
any school ^{wishing} to have such events to proceed.

