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SUPPORT OF THE ARTS

Q. During the Nixon Administration the White House had an Office of Cultural Affairs which acted as a liaison between the executive branch, and the National Endowment for the Arts and the arts interests of the country. Do you have any plans to re-institute such an office to show your support for the arts?

A. In line with my stated policy of requesting no new spending initiatives, I have no plans to reinstitute an Office of Cultural Affairs in the White House at this time. There is in the Domestic Council an area which acts as a liaison between the White House and the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

I have recently reaffirmed my strong support for the first Federal Regional Design Assembly to be held October 30 - 31, 1975 in Denver, Colorado. Mrs. Ford, with her obvious interest in the arts, and I are always ready to show our support of cultural affairs.