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For immediate release Monday, May 5, 1975

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DATE:

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TIME:

11:45 a.m.

PLACE:

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Diplomatic Reception Room (coffee)

N UMBER:

About 100

BACKGROUND:

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SEQUENCE:

- 11:45 a.m. When the commissions' participants have come from the EOB and have gathered on the steps of the South Portico, Susan Porter will escort you to the South Portico where you will step into the photograph.
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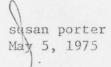
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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- BETTY FORD SAYS SHE IS WORKING ON THE PRESIDENT TO GET A WOMAN ON THE SUPREME COURT "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

THERE ARE NO PRESNSST VACANCIES ON THE HIGH BENCH, BUT WHEN ONE DOES OCCUR THE FIRST LADY TOLD REPORTERS THAT A WOMAN SHOULD BE APPOINTED.

"I THINK I'VE DONE A GOOD JOB," SHE TOLD REPORTERS. "I GOT A WOMAN IN THE CABINET." SHE REFERRED TO CARLA HILLS, NEWLY APPOINTED

SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URABN DEVELOPMENT.

MRS. FORD IS ONE OF THE NATION'S LEADING PROMOTERS OF THE ERA WHICH HAS SUFFERED SOME SETBACKS IN MOVING THROUGH STATE LEGISLATURES FOR THE TWO-THIRDS RATFICATION NECESSARY.

"I NEVER GIVE UP, " SHE SAID. "I'M WORKING ON IT."

THE SUBJECT OF WOMEN AND THEIR CAMPAIGN FOR EQUALLITY IN THE PROFESSIONS AND ELSEWHERE CAME UP AT A RECEPTION WHICH MRS. FORD GAVE IN HONOR OF THE FEDERAL ADISOVRY COMMITTESS ON THE STAUTS OF WOMEN.

MRS. FORD WAS CONGRATULATED BY SEVERAL WOMEN GUESTS FOR HER ROLE IN PUSHING ERA. MRS. JAMES COX OF MID WEST CITY, OKLA., PRESENTED THE FIRST LADY WITH COMMANCHE INDIAN BEADS IN RED, WHITE AND BLUE WITH A MEDALLION IN THE FORM OF THE BICENTENAIL LOGO.

"I'M WORKING ON GETTING A WOMAN ON THE SUPREM COURT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE," SHE SAID. "I ALWAYS HAVE IT IN THE BACK OF MY MIND."

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Women's Unit Hails Betty Ford

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