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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 19, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: PETER SORUM  
FROM: SUSAN PORTER  
SUBJECT: Action Memo

Mrs. Ford has accepted the following out-of-house invitation:

EVENT: Dinner Program

GROUP: White House News Photographers Association

DATE: Thursday, April 22, 1976

TIME: 6:30 p.m. Head Table Reception  
7:30 p.m. Dinner  
9:00 p.m. Program

PLACE: Sheraton Park Hotel, Main Ballroom

CONTACT: Maurice Johnson, Dinner Chairman  
O: 224-6548  
H: 652-7360  
Dinner Committee Phone with Answering Service: 232-8758

COMMENTS: Although the President will be out of town for the White House News Photographers Association Dinner, Mrs. Ford would like to attend a portion of the Dinner. Because she will be returning from a strenuous 4-day trip to Texas at 6:35 p.m., she will attend only the program part of the Dinner beginning at approximately 9:00 p.m. It is my understanding that the program will include a presentation of awards to this year's winners and a presentation of a photo album and a piece of Cybus crystal for the President. Entertainment (by Myron Cohen and Susan Starr) will also be included but it is my

strong suggestion that Mrs. Ford not stay for this because of the strenuousness of the trip. The Dinner will be black tie. Bernie Boston of the Washington Star News is the President of the Association (O: 484-5000; H: 356-2489). The file is attached.

Thank you.

c: BF Staff  
Red Cavaney  
William Nicholson  
David Kennerly  
Ron Nessen  
Rex Scouten  
Staircase

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 20, 1976

Dear Bernie:

We have received your invitation for the President to attend the White House News Photographers dinner on April 22.

As you know, the President has attended and enjoyed these dinners in the past. It is too soon to give you a definite answer, but I will be back with you when I have more definite word.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen  
Press Secretary  
to the President

Mr. Bernard N. Boston  
President  
White House News Photographers  
Association  
Sheraton Park Hotel  
Washington, D.C. 20008

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 20, 1976

*Susan Porter*

MEMORANDUM FOR BILL NICHOLSON

FROM: RON NESSEN *RHN*

Attached is an invitation for the President to attend the White House News Photographers Association dinner on April 22.

I recommend that he attend.

# White House News Photographers Association

Dinner Committee  
Sheraton Park Hotel  
Washington, D. C. 20008  
16 January 1976

Dear Mr. President:

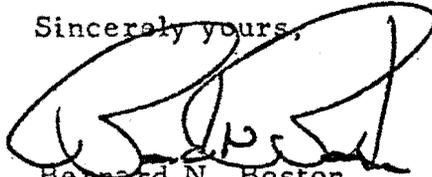
The members of the White House News Photographers Association respectfully invite you and Mrs. Ford to attend their Annual Dinner.

Traditionally this dinner has been given in honor of the President of the United States since its inception in 1923.

It is scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 1976 at 7:30 p. m., Sheraton Hall, Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington, D. C.

We sincerely hope that you will find it possible to honor us with your presence.

Sincerely yours,



Bernard N. Boston  
President, WHNPA

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford  
The President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

4/22/76  
10:00 am

*Shirley*

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

MRS. FORD'S ATTENDANCE AT THE  
WHITE HOUSE NEWS PHOTOGRAPHERS  
ASSOCIATION'S DINNER PROGRAM  
Sheraton Park Hotel  
Thursday, April 22, 1976

8:45 pm Mrs. Ford boards motorcade on South Grounds.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route  
Sheraton Park Hotel.

[Driving time: 15 minutes]

9:00 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Sheraton Park Hotel,  
(Main Entrance).

Mrs. Ford proceeds to Main Ballroom.

9:05 pm Mrs. Ford arrives Main Ballroom.

Mrs. Ford will be met by:  
Bernie Boston, President,  
White House News Photographers  
Association

Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mr. Boston, proceeds  
to dais and is seated.

9:10 pm Presentation of Annual Awards by Vice  
President Rockefeller.

9:25 pm Presentation of Awards conclude.

9:26 pm Filmed remarks by President Ford.

9:29 pm Film concludes.

9:30 pm Presentation of Award Winning Photo Album and  
Cybus Crystal to Mrs. Ford for the President.

9:32 pm Remarks by Mrs. Ford.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

9:35 pm Remarks conclude.

Mrs. Ford, escorted by Vice President Rockefeller,  
departs Main Ballroom en route motorcade for boarding.

9:40 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Sheraton Park Hotel  
en route South Grounds.

[Driving time: 15 minutes]

9:55 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

File

Photographers  
Dinner .

Your remarks are preceded  
by a film of the President.

the President says in his  
last remarks "And now  
a word from my sponsor"

Mrs. Ford looks around  
confused before beginning  
and says --

Proposed  
D~~na~~ Pennix remarks,  
for BF for Photographers  
dinner.



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Is he gone? Good!  
at last I am on my  
own <sup>for a change</sup> You don't know  
what a relief it is

to have him out of the  
house for a couple  
of days ~~for a change~~ Things have

been so hectic lately.  
Especially The <sup>last</sup> 4 days I've <sup>just</sup> spent in  
Well, I am very happy <sup>Texas</sup>

<sup>back and</sup>  
to be here to Congratulate

all of the winners and  
<sup>particularly</sup>  
~~also~~ Roddy Mimms, who is

(2)

getting married tomorrow.

Although he didn't win

any trophy tonight, I

am <sup>hopeful</sup> ~~sure~~ he will be

doing better tomorrow

night.

I thought with all of

this talk about a new

Secretary of State that

David Kennerly was a

natural choice. When



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I mentioned it to David

Naturally

his eyes lit up and

he thoughtfully responded—  
on ~~the~~

Hay Yah --- I is a good

way to meet girls.

I want to compliment

Paul Fein on ~~this~~ the

wonderful way he

organized this entire

affair tonight. As he

told me, he didn't do it



(4)

for himself, he just  
wanted the winner to  
look good. Actually @ it  
was a very close  
contest and <sup>was</sup> finally  
decided that at the  
very last minute when  
Paul threatened that  
if he didn't win it,  
there wouldn't be any  
desert.



(5)  
In closing, I want  
to thank you for  
inviting me even though  
I didn't have a date, --  
Hopefully next year I  
will."

After remarks U. P.

Rockefeller gets up to  
present the awards.



5/3/76

## Hat Trick for Ford

Quotes and notes from Washington parties uncovered for The Washington Star by Ymelda Dixon:

If President and Mrs. Ford were upset over his Texas clobbering, they did not show it Saturday at the annual dinner of the White House Correspondents' Association at the Washington Hilton. They joined the 1,400 guests in a musical celebration of the Bicentennial titled, "Liberty's Song," featuring Tennessee Ernie Ford and Nashville's Opryland USA singers and bands.

"About this Panama, I bought it, I paid for it, I wore it and I'm going to keep it." Then, gesturing at Secretary of Commerce Elliot Richardson, Ford quipped, "when I am asked if I plan to replace Kissinger with Richardson, I answer, 'Richardson already thinks he's secretary of state.'" Richardson's face turned beet red.

Invitations for Peter Malatesta's party last night honoring Mr. Ford



MEET-THE-AUTHOR WINE AND CHEESE PARTY TO INTRODUCE BETTY WASON, UPON PUBLICATION OF HER NEW BOOK, "ELLEN," NATIONAL PRESS CLUB LIBRARY, 4:30 P.M.

BOOK IS "A MOTHER'S STORY" OF A DAUGHTER IN THE DRUG SCENE.  
CONTACT: MEREDITH HURT, 347-8452.

PRESS RECEPTION FOR THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE CONTROL OF EPILEPSY AND ITS CONSEQUENCES, NATIONAL PRESS CLUB BALLROOM, 5:00 P.M.

CONTACT: PETER VAN HAVERBEKE OF THE EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF AMERICA, 293-2930. BY INVITATION.

PRESIDENT FORD LEAVES ANDREWS AFB FOR INDIANAPOLIS FOR CAMPAIGN APPEARANCES THURSDAY EVENING AND FRIDAY MORNING IN INDIANA AND FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING APPEARANCES IN GEORGIA, 5:00 P.M.

( BETTY FORD ATTENDS ANNUAL DINNER OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION, SHERATON PARK, 7:30 P.M. )

CAB CONFERENCE, 9:30 A.M.:  
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