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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Ford will tour the Washington Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11. The Temple has just been completed and is located in Kensington, Md.

Mrs. Ford will be greeted on her tour by Sen. and Mrs. Wallace F. Bennett (R-Utah) and Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard Marriott, members of the Church. Mrs. Bennett is the daughter of a former President of the Church. Mr. Marriott is a former President of the Washington Stake, the church's regional organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Marriott and Sen. and Mrs. Bennett will introduce Mrs. Ford to President and Mrs. Spencer W. Kimball of Salt Lake City, Utah. He is President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (world-wide) and will lead Mrs. Ford on her tour.

Among Church officials accompanying Mrs. Ford on her tour will be: President Marion G. Romney, Second Counselor in the First Presidency of the Church; and Elders Gordon B. Hinckley and Boyd K. Packer, both of the Council of the Twelve. All three officials live in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The President of the Washington Temple, President Edward E. Drury, Jr. will help conduct the tour.

Mrs. Ford's tour is part of a preview period this week, following the Temple's completion ceremonies Monday, Sept. 9. The Temple will be dedicated Nov. 19 and 20, after which the building will be open to church members only.

The Washington Temple is distinguished by six gold-leaf spires which rise above a wooded 57-acre site. The church is 173,000 square feet and is done in Alabama white marble.

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