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SUSAN ELIZABETH FORD

Birthdate: July 6, 1957

The youngest of the four Ford children and the only daughter, 18-year-old Susan attends Mount Vernon College in Washington, D.C. and works part-time as a photographer for the Associated Press.

Susan's high school interest in photography expanded last summer with a workshop under Ansel Adams and an internship on The Topeka Capital Journal in Topeka, Kansas. She's now considering a communications major at Mount Vernon and on her travels with the President takes along her camera.

One of her favorite hobbies is needlepoint, and she has made a variety of gifts for family and friends from belts to handbags to cushions.

Like her brothers and father, Susan is an avid skier. She also enjoys water skiing, swimming, biking, horseback riding, and tennis. Like her mother, she started modern dance classes at eight. She also has studied ballet.

Susan cares for a growing number of plants and looks after the family pets. These include Shan, a Siamese cat, Liberty, a Golden Retriever, and Misty, Liberty's puppy.

Susan's first glimpse of the White House was in the summer of 1973 when she sold guide books for the White House Historical Association. She also worked as a babysitter and answered phones for a medical telethon.

Susan was born in Washington, D.C. on July 6, 1957. She attended kindergarten at Immanuel Church on the Hill, the Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Virginia where the Fords belong. She attended her first eight grades in Alexandria schools. In June, 1975, she was graduated from the Holton Arms School in Bethesda, Maryland.

She presently lives at home and commutes to Mount Vernon College.