

Luncheon in Honor of the Wives of Foreign Dignitaries, 9/8/77

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LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF THE WIVES OF ~~HEADS OF DELEGATIONS AND~~
~~OTHER~~ FOREIGN DIGNITARIES REPRESENTING THEIR COUNTRIES AT THE
SIGNING OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY

FACT SHEET

First Lady Rosalynn Carter will host a luncheon today for the wives of Latin American Heads of Delegations and other official representatives to celebrate the signing of the Panama Canal Treaty yesterday.

The guests will have lunch aboard the Wilson Lines catamaran "America" as they cruise down the Potomac River to Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington. After a tour of the mansion and grounds at Mount Vernon, the group will return to Washington by automobile.

Entertainment:

As the ^{guests} ladies arrive at Pier Four, the Marine Corps Dixieland Band will be playing topside on the "America". During the luncheon cruise, there will be entertainment by the "Sea Chanters" of the U.S. Navy.

At Mount Vernon, Mrs. Carter and her guests will be greeted by the Mount Vernon Guard, a fife and drum corps composed of 35 young boys, most of whom live in the area which formerly comprised the estate of George Washington. Their uniforms are replicas of the 1783 Continental Marine uniforms; the intricate marching routines set to colonial music are taken directly from the training book compiled by General Von Steuben at Valley Forge. The Betsy Ross American flag and the flag of the State of Virginia are borne by the color guard.

Luncheon Menu:

The following menu has been chosen for this occasion:

Avocado with Maryland Crab

Jamestown Country Ham

White Asparagus Vinaigrette

Virginia Fried Apples

Beaten Biscuits

Southern Trifle Cake

Iced Tea

Mount Vernon

AN ILLUSTRATED HANDBOOK







THIS month's cover features the Mount Vernon Guard, a unique drum and fife corps composed of young boys 8 to 14 years of age, most of whom live today in the area which formerly comprised the estate of George Washington.

Conceived in 1955 by John Charles Harris, an Alexandria, Virginia, attorney, who is still Commandant of the organization, the marching group of 35 boys conforms meticulously to customs and traditions which existed in Revolutionary days.

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Rigid discipline, thorough training and careful planning underlie all of the activities of the Mount Vernon Guard and are aimed primarily at building strong characters and the development of understanding and appreciation of historical traditions. Leaders of the group point with pride to the sense of responsibility and standards of conduct displayed by all of the boys, from the youngest to the oldest.

In addition to performing frequently at ceremonies at Mount Vernon, Woodlawn Plantation and the tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary Soldier, the group has appeared at the White House, on nationwide television and at numerous functions along the east coast.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

FL RosCarter will host a "floating luncheon" ^{on the Potomac River} on Wednesday, Sept 8, 1977, for the wives of heads of state, foreign ministers and ambassadors whose countries will be represented at the signing of the Panama Canal Treaty the day before.

The luncheon will begin at 11:45 am on Wednesday at ~~the~~ ^{Pier 4} entrance to the ~~Water Line~~ (?) at 6th and M where Mrs Carter will greet her guests. They will board the catamaran, "America" ^{board} where a Marine Corps Dixieland band will be playing on an open deck as the boat proceeds to M.V.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Tables for 8 will be set up on two inside decks. The Seating Capacity is 150.

Apple green tablecloths and pink tablecloths. Basket of pink and purple zinnias on each table.

Thuman Kennedy
Ike



Foreign ministers

Ambassadors

Heads of State - 5 or 6

Arrival ceremonies at
Andrews

Wilson Line 6th & M

(~~~~~) RSC

Dixieland band on open boat
tables for 8 c 2 inside
decks - cap 150

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Stern is soloist at Dallas
Symphony

7:00 Signing
ceremony
8:30 dinner

White noire table clothes

Steuben bawls

white lilies

White lights around it

pick up crystal

Truman China

Morgantown

silver - not gold

round tables 120 people

Leave 11:45 on boat

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Serving juice on decks

m ~ ~ ~ mansion

bi-lingual guide
matacade back

unprecedented

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WH except 1 Pres
funerals

1. single official function
WH

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Luncheon

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3 u FMS

" u Amb 2 LA

OAS wives

2 Congressional wives

Spanish } interpreters
Portuguese }
French }

Ben Whithead - OK?



Panama Canal -

We didn't pay for travel, rooms,
food - etc. - Blair House etc.
All we paid for was losses
for security.

Usually tea and ^{for each one} lunch -
Combined this time -

27 Hyatt - dinner & a luncheon

Questions - need complete
figures for all -
budget all dinner -

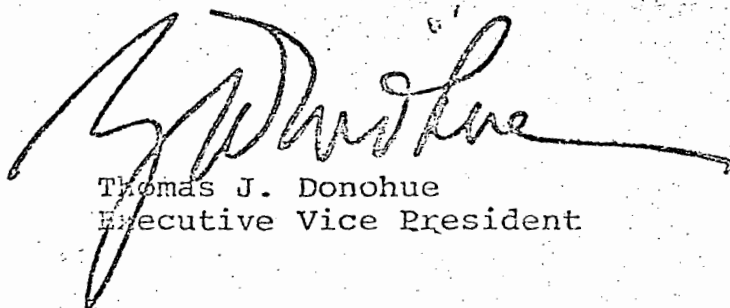
Barbara Ennis
September 14, 1977
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~~\$4,300~~ 3. What was the cost of the catered luncheon?

~~\$1,000~~ 4. What was the cost of renting the tour ship?

I thank you for your time and attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "T. Donohue", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas J. Donohue
Executive Vice President

TJD:mab

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\$ ~~112~~ each @ \$8,300 ÷ 115

September 14, 1977

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Mrs. Barbara Ennis
PA/FOI, Room 2811
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mrs. Ennis:

Under the "Freedom of Information Act," 5U.S.C.552,
I hereby request the following information.

On September 8, 1977, Rosalynⁿ Carter hosted a
luncheon for wives of U.S. Senators and delegates to the
signing of the Panama Canal treaties, 115 individuals in
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the arrangements and cost of this luncheon were borne by
the State Department's Office of Protocol.

My specific questions follow:

1. What was the total cost of the luncheon/cruise?

2. Of that total, what was the cost to decorate
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carpeting, were already owned by a federal agency, I
would appreciate it if you would inform me as to which
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to know the total cost of renting the items. If the items
were purchased, I would appreciate it if you would tell me
the cost of the items and the planned future use of these
items.)

\$ ~~540.00~~ for decorating

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 25, 1977

To: Mary Hoyt
From: Vicky McHugh

Talked to Ben Whitehead (Evan is out of the country on advance) who is in Protocol and works with the bills with us...

He said a copy of the Freedom of Information letter was sent to us over the weekend and if we don't receive a copy by tomorrow afternoon, that he will send over another.

Basically, here's the story:

The Vice President of Citizen's Choice wrote to State Department requesting costs on the Panama/OAS luncheon Mrs. Carter hosted.

He wanted to know the rental of boat figure as well as carpet rental, decorations, and catering costs.

Through State Department's Freedom of Information office, a Ms. Barbara Ennis responded (ph. # 632-0772) by letter with the following information:

Boat rental -	\$1,000.00
Carpet rental	1,500.00
Decorations	690.00
Catering	4,287.15
	\$7,477.15

The catering charges were broken down into labor, equipment, and food.

When the response from State was so long in coming, the Vice President of Citizens' Choice called and said that when the material was furnished, it would be published in a magazine called "Washington Report". Ben Whitehead said it is a conservative magazine and has, he is told, a circulation of 300,000.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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ROUTING AND TRANSMITTAL SLIP

Date

10-26-77

TO: (Name, office symbol, room number, building, Agency/Post)	Initials	Date
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As Requested	For Correction	Prepare Reply
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REMARKS

Per telephone conversation with Vickie;
Sorry the first copy did not reach you.

please copy for info

OCT 28 1977

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DO NOT use this form as a RECORD of approvals, concurrences, disposals, clearances, and similar actions.

FROM: (Name, org. symbol, Agency/Post)

Benny W. Whitehead, Jr.

Room No.—Bldg.

1238 NS

Phone No.

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October 20, 1977

Mr. Thomas J. Donohue
Executive Vice President
Citizen's Choice
1615 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20062

Dear Mr. Donohue:

Re: Freedom of Information Case #730923

In response to your letter of September 14, 1977, I have been advised that the direct costs of the luncheon/cruise were as follows:

1. Cost to decorate ship
including cost of rugs:

Rug Rental	\$1,500.00	
Decorations	690.00	
		\$2,190.00

2. Caterer's charge
for lunch:

Food & Wine	\$1,063.00	
Equipment	1,552.15	
Staff	1,672.00	
		4,287.15

3. Boat Rental Cost:

	1,000.00
	\$7,477.15

I hope the foregoing information will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Ennis
Director
Freedom of Information Staff
Bureau of Public Affairs

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September 14, 1977

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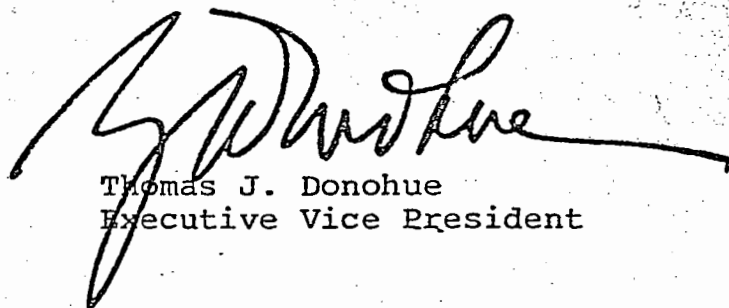
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659-6243

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

FOR MARY HOYT

FROM GRETCHEN POSTON *bp*

DATE: 20 October 1977

SUBJECT: OAS/BOAT TRIP

Ben Whitehead, Department of State, called today and, as of this date, he is releasing under the Freedom of Information Act the Panama boat trip costs. He will be sending us a copy of the report, which we will forward immediately for your attention.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 5, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MARY HOYT
FIRST LADY'S STAFF

FROM:

MARGARET MCKENNA *mm*

SUBJECT:

Mrs. Carter's Boat Lunch Issue

As you can see from the attached, there is an FOIA request for information on the expenses of the boat lunch which Mrs. Carter hosted during the visit of the South American leaders to Washington for the signing of the Panama Canal Treaty.

Do you have any problems with releasing this information? If you do, please let me know by the end of this week.

DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR MANAGEMENT
WASHINGTON

October 4, 1977

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ms. Margaret McKenna
FROM: Marc C. Ginsberg *llc*
SUBJECT: Mrs. Carter's Boat Lunch Issue.

Margaret,

At Tab A is a Freedom of Information Act request for information on the boat lunch which Mrs. Carter hosted during the visit of the South American leaders to Washington for the signing of the Panama Canal Treaty.

Citizens Choice is a moderate Republican lobby affiliated with the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. It is not specifically engaged in anti-treaty efforts and considers itself to be a Common Cause for Republicans. The Department is asking the Counsel's Office to decide what information, if any, should be released to Citizens Choice.

You should know that the luncheon/cruise expenses were paid from the "Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service Appropriation," which has been exempted from the Freedom of Information Act under 31USC107.

Although your Office can decide not to release the expense information, our feeling here is that the White House would be well-advised to comply with the FOI request since denying this information would raise more problems than it would solve.

The Department, therefore, requests the White House to decide whether or not to release 1) the luncheon/cruise costs and 2) total costs, including the Mt. Vernon tour and return trip to D. C.

Memo from

MARY FINCH HOYT
202 965-0446

Mrs Carter was very anxious
to do something special and
meaningful for the wives
of these important leaders.
Thinking for the hospitality she received in Latin America,
quite frankly it turned
out to be more costly than
we had anticipated.

It's difficult to ~~cost~~
put a price on international (hemispheric)
good will.

Mrs. C. has ^{further} no comment.
mine? ^{me} It was a beautiful, historic day.

LUNCHEON/CRUISE COSTS

1. Cost to decorate ship including cost of rugs:

Rug rental	\$1,500.00
Decorations	540.00
Gift Baskets	228.00
	<u>\$2,268.00</u>

2. Caterer's charge for lunch: \$4,287.15
3. Boat rental cost: \$1,000.00
4. Total Cost: \$7,555.15

TOTAL COSTS INCLUDING MT. VERNON TOUR
AND RETURN TRIP TO D. C.

1. Bilingual guides for Mt. Vernon tour: 240.00
2. Tram costs - boat landing to Mt. Vernon: 180.30
3. Ice tea service at Mt. Vernon: 254.98
4. Stand-by labor at White House for inclement weather: 225.00
5. Car rentals for return to D.C.: 1,300.00 (Est.)

Total Other Costs	<u><u>\$2,200.28</u></u>
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TOTAL ALL COSTS	\$9,755.43
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OFICINA DE LA SECRETARIA DE PRENSA DE LA SRA. CARTER

ALMUERZO EN HONOR DE LAS ESPOSAS DE LOS DIGNATARIOS QUE REPRESENTAN A SUS PAISES EN LA FIRMA DEL TRATADO DEL CANAL DE PANAMA

HOJA DE INFORMACION

La Primera Dama Rosalynn Carter ofrecerá hoy un almuerzo en honor de las esposas de los Jefes de las Delegaciones Latinoamericanas y otros representantes oficiales con motivo de la firma del Tratado del Canal de Panamá que tuvo lugar ayer.

Las invitadas almorzarán a bordo del catamarán "América", de la Wilson Line, durante la travesía por el Río Potomac hasta Mount Vernon, el hogar del Presidente Jorge Washington. Después de hacer un recorrido por la mansión y los jardines de Mount Vernon, la comitiva regresará a Washington en automóvil.

Festejos

Mientras las invitadas llegan al Muelle No. 4, la Banda de Jazz Dixieland de la Infantería de Marina estará interpretando a bordo del "América" algunas piezas musicales. Durante la travesía y almuerzo se escucharán las interpretaciones del grupo musical "Sea Chanters", de la Marina de los Estados Unidos.

En Mount Vernon, la Sra. Carter y sus invitadas recibirán un saludo de la Guardia de Mount Vernon, un cuerpo de tambores y pífanos integrado por 35 jóvenes, la mayor parte de los cuales viven en la zona que antiguamente comprendía la propiedad de Jorge Washington. Sus uniformes son una réplica de aquéllos que usó la infantería de marina del Ejército Continental en 1783. Las intrincadas marchas militares, al compás de la música colonial, han sido tomadas directamente del manual de adiestramiento militar recopilado por el General von Steuben en Valley Forge. La guardia de honor portará las banderas de Betsy Ross y del Estado de Virginia.

El menú

Se ha seleccionado el siguiente menú:

Aguacate con cangrejo de Maryland

Jamón de Jamestown

Espárragos blancos a la vinagreta

Manzanas de Virginia fritas

Bizcochos

Pastel sureño

Té helado

SEPTEMBER 7, 1977

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Panama Canal Treaty celebration

Letter of greeting from RSC for the luncheon program -- 9/8/77

Since your visit to the United States is of historical importance, I could think of no better way to welcome you to our country than to show you the most historically significant private house in America, Mount Vernon, the ancestral home of George Washington.

In America, we call George Washington "The Father of Our Country" because he was our first President and because he played such a large part in shaping our Constitution. George Washington himself owned Mount Vernon for 45 years, from 1754-1799, and spent as much time there as possible even when he was President.

George Washington cherished his home, and so do all Americans. We believe it is an outstanding example of colonial architecture and we love its splendid view of the Potomac River -- a river which George Washington thought was "one of the finest rivers in the world". That is why I wanted you to approach Mount Vernon by boat. I hope our trip will give you some idea of what our country was like at the beginning, 201 years ago.

Sincerely,

Rosalynn Carter

Faith
will you proof this?

Mrs. Carter

Mrs. Cyrus R. Vance

Wife of the Secretary of State

Mrs. Andrew J. Young

Wife of the Representative of the U. S. to the UN

Mrs. Robert S. Strauss

Wife of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations

Mrs. James O. Eastland

Wife of the Senator from Mississippi

Mrs. Russell Long

Wife of the Senator from Louisiana

Mrs. Henry M. Jackson

Wife of the Senator from Washington

Mrs. Jacob K. Javits

Wife of the Senator from New York

Mrs. Robert C. Byrd

Wife of the Senator from West Virginia

Mrs. Claiborne Pell

Wife of the Senator from Rhode Island

Mrs. Ernest F. Hollings

Wife of the Senator from South Carolina

Mrs. Charles H. Percy

Wife of the Senator from Illinois

Mrs. Ted Stevens

Wife of the Senator from Alaska

Mrs. Henry L. Bellmon

Wife of the Senator from Oklahoma

Mrs. Mike Gravel

Wife of the Senator from Alaska

Mrs. Richard S. Schweiker

Wife of the Senator from Pennsylvania

Mrs. Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr.

Wife of the Senator from Texas

Mrs. Walter Huddleston

Wife of the Senator from Kentucky

Mrs. John H. Glenn, Jr.

Wife of the Senator from Ohio

Mrs. Wendell H. Ford

Wife of the Senator from Kentucky

Mrs. Richard Stone

Wife of the Senator from Florida

Mrs. Howard M. Metzenbaum

Wife of the Senator from Ohio

Mrs. Wendell R. Anderson

Wife of the Senator from Minnesota

Mrs. Paul S. Sarbanes

Wife of the Senator from Maryland

Mrs. James R. Sasser

Wife of the Senator from Tennessee

Mrs. Jim Wright

Wife of the Representative from Texas

Mrs. Robert H. Michel

Wife of the Representative from Illinois

Mrs. John Brademas

Wife of the Representative from Indiana

Mrs. Frank Moore

Wife of the Assistant to the President for Congressional Liaison

Mrs. Warren Christopher

Wife of the Deputy Secretary of State

Mrs. John J. Gilligan

Wife of the Administrator, Agency for International Development

2 Mrs. Philip C. Habib

Wife of the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs
Ambassador Carol Laise (Mrs. Elsworth Bunker)

Wife of the Co-Negotiator of the Panama Canal Treaty

Mrs. George S. Brown

Wife of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Mrs. Alejandro Orfila

Wife of the Secretary General of the OAS

Mrs. Gale W. McGee

Wife of the Representative of the U.S. to the OAS

Mrs. Thomas O. Enders

Wife of the American Ambassador to Canada

Mrs. Frederick Irving

Wife of the American Ambassador to Jamaica

Mrs. William J. Jordan

Wife of the American Ambassador to Panama

Mrs. Evan S. Dobelle

Wife of the Chief of Protocol

Mrs. Benjamin H. Read

Wife of the Under Secretary of State for Management

Mrs. Terence A. Todman

Wife of the Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs

Mrs. Douglas J. Bennet, Jr.

Wife of the Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations

Mrs. Herbert J. Hansell

Wife of the Legal Adviser, Dept. of State

Mrs. Robert E. White

Wife of the Alternate Representative of the U.S. to the OAS

Mrs. William B. Schwartz, Jr.

Wife of the Ambassador designate to The Bahamas

Mrs. William Stedman

Wife of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs

Mrs. Sol M. Linowitz

Wife of the Co-Negotiator for the Panama Canal Treaty

Mrs. David Pepper

Wife of the Deputy Negotiator for the Panama Canal Treaty

Mrs. Jorge Luis Zelaya

Wife of the Assistant Secretary General of the OAS

Mrs. Sophia Porson

Interpreter for Mrs. Vance

Mrs. Stephanie Van Reigersberg

Interpreter for Mrs. Carter

Panama

Mrs. Omar Torrijos Herrera
Wife of the Chief of Government of Panama
Miss Raquel Torrijos
Daughter of the Chief of Government of Panama
Mrs. Gabriel Lewis
Wife of the Ambassador of Panama
Mrs. Nander A. Pitty
Wife of the Ambassador of Panama to the OAS

Paraguay

Mrs. Mario Lopez Escobar
Wife of the Amb. of Paraguay to the US & OAS

Dominican Republic

Mrs. Kemil L. de Dipp-Gomez
Wife of the Amb. of the Dominican Republic to the OAS

Bolivia

Mrs. Hugo Banzer Suarez
Wife of the President of the Republic of Bolivia
Miss Erika Banzer Prada
Daughter of the President of the Republic of Bolivia
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Mrs. Fernando Ortiz Sanz
Wife of the Ambassador of Bolivia to the OAS

Chile

Mrs. Augusto Pinochet Ugarte
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Mrs. Patricio Carvajal Prado
Wife of the Minister of Foreign Relations of Chile
Mrs. Jorge Cauas
Wife of the Ambassador of Chile

Costa Rica

Mrs. Rodolfo Silva
Wife of the Amb. of Costa Rica to the US and OAS

Venezuela

Mrs. Ignacio Iribarren
Wife of the Ambassador of Venezuela

Guatemala

Mrs. Eduardo Castillo Arriola
Wife of the Ambassador of Guatemala to the OAS

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Wife of the President of the Republic of Colombia
Mrs. Virgilio Barco
Wife of the Ambassador of Colombia
Mrs. Juan Pablo Gomez-Pradilla
Wife of the Amb. of Colombia to the OAS

Honduras

Mrs. Roberto Lazarus

Wife of the Amb. of Honduras to the US and OAS

Peru

Mrs. Carlos Garzia-Bedoya

Wife of the Ambassador of Peru

Mrs. Luis Marchand Stens

Wife of the Ambassador of Peru to the OAS

Ecuador

Mrs. Alfredo Poveda Burbano

Wife of the President of the Supreme Council of Govt. of Ecuador

Mrs. Jose Ayala Lasso

Wife of the Minister of Foreign Relations of Ecuador

Mrs. Montanao

Wife of the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Integration of Ecuador

Mrs. Gustavo Ycaza Borja

Wife of the Ambassador of Ecuador

Argentina

Mrs. Jorge Rafael Videla

Wife of the President of the Argentine Nation

Mrs. Oscar Antonio Montes

Wife of the Min. of Foreign Affairs & Worship of the Argentine Rep.

Mrs. Jorge A. Aja Espil

Wife of the Ambassador of the Argentine Rep.

Mrs. Julio C. Carasales

Wife of the Ambassador of Argentina to the OAS

Uruguay

Mrs. Jose Perez Caldas

Wife of the Ambassador of Uruguay

Mrs. C. Alberto Roca

Wife of the Ambassador of Uruguay to the OAS

El Salvador

Mrs. Carlos Humberto Romero

Wife of the President of the Republic of El Salvador

Mrs. Francisco Bertrand Galindo

Wife of the Amb. of El Salvador to the US and OAS

Mrs. Juan Ricardo Salaverria

Wife of the Chief of Protocol of El Salvador

Canada

Mrs. Peter M. Towe

Wife of the Ambassador of Canada

Mrs. Arthur Blanchette

Wife of the Permanent Observer to the OAS from Canada

Bahamas

Mrs. Lynden O. Pindling

Wife of the Prime Minister of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas

Mrs. Livingston B. Johnson

Wife of the Amb. of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas

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Wife of the Ambassador of Brazil
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Wife of the Ambassador of Brazil to the OAS

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Mrs. Laurence E. Mann
Wife of the Ambassador of Guyana

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Mrs. Rafael de la Colina
Wife of the Ambassador of Mexico to the OAS

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Wife of the Ambassador of Jamaica

Trinidad and Tobago

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Wife of the Amb. of Trinidad & Tobago to the US and OAS

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RSC's introduction:

And I thought the trip would be made all the more memorable if we went by boat, which was often the custom in colonial America

Since your visit to the United States is of great historical importance in American and world history, I could think of no better way to welcome you than to show you the most historically significant private house in America, Mount Vernon ^{on the Potomac River.}

George Washington

The man whom we call "The Father of our Country" ^{was born in a nearby house on the Potomac River and} lived at Mount

Vernon from 1754 ~~to 1799~~ when he inherited it from his older half brother,

~~Lawrence until he died in 1751~~ ^{until} 1797, -- with the exception of some notable absences such as the French and Indian War which ended in 1759 (the ~~year~~ ^{year that} George Washington he married ~~the widow~~ ^{during} Martha Custis), the Revolutionary War ^{years} which

was Commander in Chief of the Continental Army, and from 1789-97 when he ^{four year} served two terms as President of the United States. ^{During his Presidency, he visited Mount Vernon 15 times, and} ~~He~~ retired to Mount ^{there}

~~Vernon~~ in 1797, two years before he died.

ancestral

~~Still, this~~ Mount Vernon was the Washington family home, and it was ^{cherished} ~~as a General~~ ^{as President.} ^{truly} a home to ~~General~~ George Washington and ~~President~~ George Washington. Many

of the original furnishings and records are in tact, and for that, the nation ^{of South Carolina} and the world owe a debt of gratitude to Miss Ann Pamela Cunningham (who in 1858 founded the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association for the purpose of ~~restoring~~ and preserving Mount Vernon. The Association is also very much in tact and ^{responsible} for present excellent condition ~~of~~ of this great and historic American house.

It is my wish that all of you enjoy and remember Mount Vernon.

Sincerely,

Rosalynn Carter

The Mount Vernon Guard, a fife and drum corps composed of 35 young boys who live near Mount Vernon, wear uniforms that are replicas of the 1783 Continental Marine uniform, and they march to authentic colonial music.

-- five years after resigning his military commission and
over the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, two years before
ascending to the Presidency. Significantly, it is adorned by the dove of peace.

GREETING PARTY AT MOUNT VERNON

The Mount Vernon Guard, ~~which~~ ^{is} a fife and drum corps composed of 35 young boys who live near Mount Vernon, ~~is the greeting party at the river~~ ^{edge at Mount Vernon} ~~that~~ ^{wear} their uniforms are replicas of the 1783 Continental Marine uniform, and they march to authentic colonial music. They often perform at ceremonies at Mount Vernon, have appeared at the White House and have been featured on nationwide television.

Welcome to the White House. As you know, I had planned to welcome you aboard a boat called the "America" today for a luncheon cruise down Mount Vernon, the Potomac River to the home of our first President, George Washington.

But as it is, because of the weather, I find myself welcoming you instead to the house where every single President except George Washington ~~has lived;~~ our second President, John Adams, moved into the White House ^{being built,} in 1800 while it was still under construction.

This room, the State Dining Room, did not exist then; in fact, it did not exist until 1902 -- over a hundred years later. At that time, around the turn of the century, our young nation was growing so fast that the White House had to expand to keep up with it; so, as the White House invitation lists got longer, this room got larger. In style, it has been called "a stately hall of the early English Renaissance" period.

By contrast, what you would have seen at Mount Vernon is a fine ^{early} ~~classic~~ example of colonial architecture, an American country house of the 17th century. I was looking forward so much to showing it to you, and I am ^{will} determined that you see it someday. That means that I hope you will come back, all of you, and soon. You have always been our good neighbors, and now that we have met personally, face to face, shaken hands and spoken, that we are going to be ^{I know} ~~we are~~ good friends, as well.

~~And that is how I hope it ^{will} always still be.~~

I hope you ~~will~~ enjoy the luncheon.

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This is first engraving - No clear picture of the house -

Letter from RSC for the luncheon program - 9/8/77

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George Washington cherished his home, ~~and one can see why.~~ *and so do all Americans. We believe* It is an outstanding example of colonial architecture, ~~with a wonderful view of the~~ *and we love its splendor* Potomac River -- a river which George Washington thought was "one of

the finest rivers in the world". ~~I agree,~~ *T* and that is why I wanted to take you ~~to~~ *approach* Mount Vernon by boat. I hope ~~this trip will give~~ *our trip will give* you some idea of what our country was like at the beginning, 201 years ago.

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in shaping our Constitution. Mount Vernon was his ancestral home acquired
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through a grant from King Charles II of England. ~~George~~ George Washington
himself owned
Mount Vernon for 45 years, from 1754 to 1797, and spent as much
time (as possible) there even when he was President. He cherished Mount
Vernon, and one can see why. It is an outstanding example of colonial
architecture with ^(stately proportions and) a wonderful view of the Potomac River -- a river which
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Conceived in 1955 by John Charles Harris, an Alexandria, Virginia attorney who is still Commandant of the organization, the marching group of 35 boys conforms meticulously to the customs and traditions which existed in Revolutionary days.

The smartly tailored, colored uniforms are replicas of the 1783 Continental Marine uniform. The intricate marching routines set to colonial music are taken directly from the training book compiled by General Von Steuben at Valley Forge. The Betsy Ross American flag, and the flag of the State of Virginia are borne by the color guard. Rigid discipline, thorough training and careful planning underly all the activities of the Mount Vernon Guard and are aimed primarily at building strong character and the development of understanding and appreciation of historical traditions. Leaders of the group point with pride to the sense of responsibility and standards of conduct displayed by all the boys, from the youngest to the oldest.

In addition to performing frequently at ceremonies at Mount Vernon, Woodlawn Plantation and the Tomb of the Revolutionary Soldier, the group has appeared at the White House, on nationwide television, and at numerous functions along the East Coast.

PRESS ADVISORY

Mrs. Carter will host a luncheon for the wives of Latin American Heads of State and other official representatives. The guests will have lunch aboard the Catamaran boat, pier 4, 6th and Water Streets, S.W., Washington, D. C. , as they ride down the Potomac to the historic home of George Washington at Mount Vernon. They will tour his home and return to Washington by automobile.

A press bus will depart from the Northwest gate, at the White House at 10:45 a.m. Thursday to cover the arrival of guests and the departure of the Catamaran...OPEN COVERAGE. The bus will motor to Mount Vernon to meet the boat and cover the tour. The bus will return to the Northwest gate at the White House approximately 3:00 p.m..

Those wishing to ride on the bus must be properly credentialed no later than 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7. Only White House, Metropolitan, Capitol press passes, or special credentials from State Department for the Panama Canal Treaty visit will be honored.

Contact:

Mary Massarini 632-0685 or
Barbara Heineback 456-2130

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Avocado and Maryland Crab

Jamestown Country Ham
White

~~Cold~~ Texasparagus viniagrette

Virginia Fried Apples

Beaten biscuits

Southern Trifle Cake

Iced Tea

~~Xxx~~ Luncheon menu for Sept. 8, 1977

August 31, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO MARY HOYT

From Coates Redmon *CR*

Subject: Program material for Panama Canal Treaty *Luncheon* ~~State Dinner~~ - 9/8/77

Attached are:

1. Mrs. Carter's letter of introduction (mood, where to, and why)
2. A brief history of Mount Vernon (early residents; some geneology & history) *squib*
3. A ~~quib~~ on the fife and drum corps who will greet the boat of ladies at river's edge as they arrive Mount Vernon

If you think Mrs. Carter's letter is too long (it may be), I can incorporate the info in the second paragraph into the "brief history" section. But I thought it was a good opportunity for RSC to "speak".

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 30, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO: PHIL WISE
FROM: GRETCHEN POSTON
SUBJECT: MRS. CARTER'S LUNCHEON - FYI

Plans have been made today for Mrs. Carter's luncheon on September 8 to include the following:

1. All wives of heads of states or their official representatives
2. Wives of Foreign Ministers
3. Wives of Ambassadors
4. Congressional wives as designated by Frank Moore

Tentative plans are to leave the Alexandria boat dock at 11:45 a.m. enroute to Mount Vernon aboard the Wilson Line Catamaran, "America". The boat has a capacity of 150.

Luncheon will be served aboard the boat and a colonial menu is featured. Brief remarks by Spanish/English-speaking hostesses (guides) will give a brief history of passing historical sights.

As we near Mount Vernon a brief history will be given of the house. When the boat docks the Mount Vernon Guard (a fife and drum youth group) will welcome the guests and lead them to Mount Vernon.

After a tour of the house and grounds, guests will motorcade back to Washington.