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MEMORANDUM FOR: DAVE PARKER
FROM: DAVE GERGEN
SUBJECT: Prominent Women

Last year, you were interested in some recommendations of women who might be invited to a special dinner with the President. That idea never got off the ground, and I understand that there are no plans for such a dinner at this time. In looking through our past files, however, I have come upon the list which we compiled at that time, and it occurs to me that there may still be a number of opportunities when you would want to have prominent women invited to state dinners on an individual basis. For that purpose, I am sending along to you a copy of some other lists we once compiled. It would probably be an easy task to come up with additional names if you so desire.

cc: Barbara Franklin
Academic

Hanna Arendt - Political Scientist/Historian
Ariel Durant - Historian
Gertrude Leighton - Due to publish a seminal work on psychiatry and law, Bryn Mawr
Katherine McBride - Retired Bryn Mawr President

Business

Buff Chandler - Business executive and arts patron
Sylvia Porter - Syndicated financial columnist

Entertainment

Marian Anderson
Jacqueline du Pre' - British cellist
Joan Ganz Cooney - President, Children's Television Workshop; Executive Producer of Sesame St., recently awarded honorary degree from Oberlin
Agnes DeMille - Dance
Ella Fitzgerald
Margot Fonteyn - Ballerina
Martha Graham - Dance
Melissa Hayden - Ballerina
Helen Hayes
Katherine Hepburn
Mahalia Jackson
Mary Martin
Mary Tyler Moore
Leontyne Price
Martha Raye
Beverley Sills - Has appeared at WH

Government/Politics

* Helen Bentley - Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission
* Pat Harris - Lawyer, former Ambassador
* Oveta Culp Hobby - Former Secretary, HEW
Virginia Knauer
Claire Booth Luce
Ivy Baker Preist
Jeanette Rankin - First woman to serve in Congress; celebrated her 90th birthday last year
Margaret Chase Smith
Juanita Stout - Black judge in Philadelphia
Eartha White - Black recipient of 1970 Lane Bryant Volunteer Award; member, Board of Directors, National Center for Voluntary Action
*Mary Brooks - Director of the Mint

Literature
Gwendolyn Brooks - Distinguished black poet
Pearl Buck
Willa Cather
Marianne Moore - America's foremost female poet
Laurence Stapleton - Great Milt. scholard
Barbara Tuchman
Endora Welty

Military
Anna Mae Hays
Elizabeth P. Hoisington

Philanthropy
Mary Lasker

Press
Judith Crist - Movie reviewer
Pauline Koel - Movie reviewer
Ann Landers - Largest circulation of any columnist in the country and a political force, too, as her "cancer" column proved
Helen Thomas - Newspaper woman
Barbara Walters
Religion

Lois Harkrider Stair - First woman moderator of United Presbyterians

Science/Sociology

Anna Freud
Margaret Mead
Barbara McClintock - Won Medal of Science
Dr. Minna Spiegel Rees - Mathematician, Dean of Graduate Studies at City University of New York, and first woman President in 112 year history of the American Association for the Advancement of Science
Lisa Richetle - Wrote *The Throwaway Children*

Society

Mme. Chennault
Alice Roosevelt Longworth
Mrs. Walter (Bennitta) Washington - Besides being married to the Mayor of Washington, D. C. she is a professional in the field of education
Partial List of Prominent Women Invited to the White House Conference on Youth, 1971:

Eloise Hardison Banks - Publisher-Editor, Arizona Tribune Weekly Newspaper

Carolyn Black - Director, Counseling Center at Howard University, and first woman director of a Peace Corps territory (the Caribbean Islands) -- the girl in charge of Adult Delegate Selection at the WHCCY says she's really "with it"

Mary Bunting - President, Radcliffe College

Pauline Frederick

Sister Ida Gannon - President, Mundelein College, Chicago

Hon. Nora Guinn - Eskimo Judge, District Magistrate, Fairbanks District Court, Bethal, Alaska

Nancy Hanks

Elizabeth Koontz - Director, U. S. Dept. of Labor Women's Bureau

Mary Wells Lawrence - President, Advertising Agency

Dr. Helen Nowlis - Research Consultant, Prof., at Univ. of Rochester (again, the girl at the WHCCY says she's very good)

Dr. Eileen Sarnin

June Tapp - Prof., Lecturer, Criminologist at the Univ. of Chicago

Mrs. Theodore Wedel - President, United Council of Churches
The Following List was Prepared by the Research Team of Cox, Smith and Whittel:

Cox

Cher Bono - Half of "Sonny and Cher" singing duo, American Indian, just began first TV show, she and her husband have been very active in Drug Abuse Prevention and POW causes

Carol Burnett (or Lucille Ball) - Or any other "with it" 1971 comedienne who are popular with the "whole" family

Roberta Flack - Black vocalist who got her start just in the past few years in D. C., very pleasing style that agrees with just about everyone

Elizabeth Pond - Reporter with Christian Science Monitor who was captured early this year by the V. C., but was either released or escaped

Esther Peterson - First Consumer Advisor (Kennedy appointed her), now an advisor with Giant Food

Diana Ross - Needs no intro except that she's "super tough"

Buffy St. Marie - American Indian, popular folk singer, am almost positive that she's not a radical - was on Johnny Carson several months ago and was very sensible, articulate and all in all a very beautiful person

Dionne Warwick - Same as Diana Ross except that in addition she is the Chrm. of the Bd. of her own record company and is much more educated (has degree in music)

Smith

Hon. Shirley Chisholm
Mrs. Catherine Marshall - Married to the late Peter Marshall, Chaplain of the U. S. Senate in the early 50s, and has written many best sellers re: him and Christianity in general
Irene Ryan - "Granny Clampett" on the Beverly Hillbillies (Ed. Note - I hope Marie's not for real on this one)

Marie Smith - Society columnist with Washington Post

Dionne Warwick

Whittel

Ella and Pearl
Lauren Bacall
Ingrid Bergman
Marlene Dietrich
Betty Furness
Louise Day Hicks (?)
Mrs. Coretta King
Mrs. Joan Whitney Payson - Owner of the N. Y. Mets and civic worker

Katherine Ross
Gloria Steinem
Abigail Van Buren
Amy Vanderbilt
Dionne Warwick

Jacqueline Wexler - President, Hunter College, had to cope with quite a lot of campus unrest last year
The Following List was Compiled by the Registrar's Office at the Columbia University, New York, on the Basis of Information they received on their 1971-72 Freshman Class.

Angela Davis
Lady Godiva
Jacqueline Susann
Isadore Duncan
Mata Hari
Lady Macbeth
Linda Kasabian
Mary McCory
Bernadine Dohrn
Betty Freidan
Myra Breckinridge
The Wicked Witch of the West
Bella Abzug
Virginia Wolf
Martha Mitchell
Bettina Aptheker
Jane Fonda
Bernadette Devlin
Gracie Slick