

MEMORANDUM

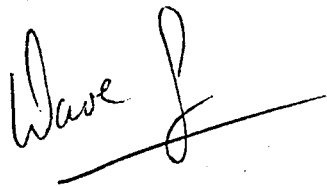
THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 3, 1972

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 his 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Waverly J.", with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

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 Dupre' - 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

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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 Catho

Marianne Moore - America's foremost female poet

Laurence Stapleton - Great Milton scholar

Barbara Tuchman

Endora Welty

Military

Anna Mae Hays

First women

Elizabeth P. Hoisington

generals

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 Tribute 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, Bethel, Alaska

Nancy Hanks

Elizabeth Koontz - Director, U. S. Dept. of Labor Womens 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