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MRS. FORD REMARKS

TO REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S FEDERAL FORUM

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IT'S A PLEASURE FOR ME TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO
THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY. THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S FEDERAL
FORUM MEANS A GREAT DEAL TO ME.

I'M PROUD OF THE FACT THAT I WAS IN ON THE
BEGINNING OF THIS ACTIVE, ~~INITIATIVE~~ GROUP LATE IN 1973,

ALONG WITH ANNE ARMSTRONG, BARBARA BUSH, BETTY RHODES

Connie Arantage Anna Cherault

AND MANY OTHER GOOD FRIENDS.

AND I'M PROUD OF THE FACT THAT MY HUSBAND WAS
THE FIRST SPEAKER TO ADDRESS ONE OF OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS.
INCIDENTALLY, JERRY ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO EACH OF YOU HIS
BEST WISHES.

THE FORUM CAN AND SHOULD BECOME A PERMANENT
FIXTURE ON THE WASHINGTON SCENE. IT GIVES SOME OF OUR
LIVELIEST, MOST TALENTED PEOPLE -- REPUBLICAN WIVES AND
CAREER WOMEN IN EVERY PHASE OF GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS --
A CHANCE TO GET TOGETHER, TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND TO KEEP
INFORMED IN A PLEASANT, SOCIAL SETTING.

ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE (TOKE-VEEL), THE GREAT
NINETEENTH CENTURY FRENCH WRITER ON AMERICA, ONCE SAID
THAT THE STRENGTH OF OUR PEOPLE LIES IN THE SUPERIORITY OF
OUR WOMEN. THE SAME THING IS TRUE OF THE REPUBLICAN
PARTY.

AND GROUPS LIKE THIS HELP BRING TOGETHER AND
ORGANIZE OUTSTANDING REPUBLICAN WOMEN -- FROM THE
LEGISLATURE, THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THE NATIONAL
PARTY STRUCTURE.

After all
Percentage of
registered voters 53% women
as to 47% men — So
you realize how important we are
as a group — And fortunately men begining
to listen

BUT I AM HERE TODAY AS A MEMBER OF THE FORUM --

NOT AS A GUEST LECTURER. SO LET ME JUST REPEAT HOW GLAD

I AM THAT YOU COULD ALL BE HERE AND WISH YOU CONTINUED

SUCCESS WITH A GROUP THAT I ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT AND

AM PROUD TO BELONG TO.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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