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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DATE: 29 AUG 78

FOR ACTION: PHIL WISE FRAN VOORDE

THE FIRST LADY

INFO ONLY:

SUBJECT: COSTANZA MEMO RE INVITATION FROM NOW TO ATTEND A CONCERT FOR ERA

RESPONSE DUE TO RICK HUTCHESON STAFF SECRETARY (456-7052)
BY: 1200 PM THURSDAY 31 AUG 78

ACTION REQUESTED:

STAFF RESPONSE: ( ) I CONCUR. ( ) NO COMMENT. ( ) HOLD.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 28, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Enclosed is an invitation to you and your family from the National Organization for Women (NOW) to a special benefit concert for ERA on September 11, 1978 at the Warner Theatre.

This is a major fundraising effort on behalf of ERA and an important event to call attention to the continuing effort to obtain ratification and extension.

I urge you and the First Lady to attend the concert as a means of emphasizing the Administration's continuing commitment to the Equal Rights Amendment.

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Margaret (Midge) Costanza

National Organization for Women, Inc.
425 13th Street, N.W. Suite 1048 Washington, D.C. 20004 • (202) 347-2279

August 24, 1978

President Jimmy Carter
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The National Organization for Women is pleased to invite you and your family to a special Benefit Performance for the Equal Rights Amendment with Tom Jones and Tina Turner at the Warner Theatre in Washington, D.C., September 11, 1978, at 8:00 p.m.

Proceeds for the Benefit will be donated to the NOW ERA Fund.

The National Organization for Women, Inc., the largest feminist organization in the country, is spearheading the ERA Extension drive in Congress and has been working continuously for ratification of the ERA in the unratified states. NOW also coordinated the recent National ERA March in Washington in which over 100,000 people demonstrated their deep and determined commitment for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

As you know, Mr. President, this is a crucial period for the ERA, since the Senate will be voting on the ERA Extension soon after the Labor Day Recess. NOW would appreciate the support of you and your family at this timely ERA event.

NOW will, of course, coordinate with White House Security and with White House Press to assure appropriate arrangements for the performance.

We hope you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,

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President

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Rick

There is a good chance that the Summit may still be under way — Please call me