MEMORANDUM .

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULING PROPOSAL Date: July 5, 1978 From: Margaret Costanza Via: Phil Wise

EVENT: ERA Ratification and Extension March and Rally coordinated by the National Organization for Women (N.O.W.)

DATE: July 9, 1978

PURPOSE: To participate in the March and/or Rally and to deliver brief remarks.

FORMAT:

- Location: March begins on The Mall at 14th Street at 11:00 am. Proceeds east on Constitution Avenue to the U.S. Capitol.

Rally at the U.S. Capitol 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm with a number of guest speakers.

- Participants: Approximately 30,000 ERA supporters representing more than 365 organizations.

CABINET PARTICIPATION: None - see background below

SPEECH MATERIAL: Ta

Talking points will be provided

STAFF: Margaret Costanza

RECOMMENDED: Margaret Costanza

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

BACKGROUND: The ERA March and Rally is being coordinated by N.O.W. to demonstrate significant support for ratification of ERA and extension of the legislative deadline for ratification. The event is officially supported by more than 365 organizations, including heavy support from organized labor, and more than 30,000 individuals are expected to participate. Confirmed speakers for the rally include:

Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman Congresswoman Margaret Heckler Congresswoman Barbara Mikulski Eleanor Holmes Norton Carmen Delgado Votaw, Co-Chair, National Advisory for Women Dorothy Height, President, National Council of Negro Women Gloria Steinem Elliott Gould, actor Claire Randall, President, National Council of Churches Marvin Dymally, Lt. Gov. of California Jean Stapleton, actress Marlo Thomas, actress.

Speakers invited and awaiting confirmation include: Juanita Kreps, Pat Harris, George Meany, and the Black Congressional Caucus.

I have also sent an invitation on behalf of N.O.W. to the First Lady.

NOTE: Since security considerations make participation in the March unlikely, I would urge favorable response to the invitation to attend the Rally and deliver brief remarks.