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As you may know, the United Nations has designated 1975 as International Women's Year and the Government of Canada has developed plans for participation at the Federal level. An outline of the programme planned by the Department of the Secretary of State is enclosed.

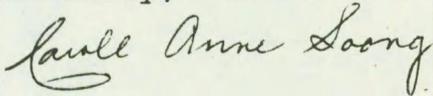
The Vancouver office of the Department of the Secretary of State has responsibility for implementing these plans in British Columbia and the Yukon. As part of this process, Information Exchange will be held in the First Baptist Church, Pinder Hall, 969 Burrard (Burrard & Nelson), Vancouver, on Saturday, November 30, with representatives of women's groups from this region and various government departments and agencies. The purpose of the Information Exchange is to inform women's groups of the Department's plans, as well as the plans of other government departments where applicable. It is hoped that women's groups will have an opportunity to exchange information regarding their own plans for International Women's Year and that the meeting will facilitate coordination of plans and discussion of priorities.

We would like to invite your participation at this meeting. Since the hall is not large and since we would like to have as large a representation as possible, we would also ask you to send only one delegate from each group.

We hope to keep this meeting as informal as possible and to maximize the opportunity for exchange of information. Plans are to use the morning to allow participants to meet in workshops on subjects of mutual interest. Representatives from other levels of governments and government agencies have been invited to attend the afternoon session. A proposed agenda has been attached.

Since facilities for buying lunch are limited, we would suggest that you bring a bag-lunch (coffee supplied). Unfortunately, it is not possible to offer travel subsidies for out-of-town women nor is it possible to offer day care facilities. We would also like to apologize for the lateness of this invitation. We hope, for those unable to attend, that the enclosed information will be helpful. Minutes will also be mailed to all those who have been invited.

Sincerely,



Carole Anne Soong
Field Representative

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Enclosures

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INFORMATION EXCHANGE ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR
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| 8:30 - 9:00 | - Registration |
| 9:00 - 9:15 | - Introduction |
| 9:15 - 9:45 | - Opening Remarks - Secretary of State |
| 9:45 - 10:15 | - Agendas for Small Group Discussions |
| 10:15 - 10:30 | - Coffee |
| 10:30 - 12:30 | - Small Group Discussions |
| 12:30 - 1:30 | - Lunch |
| 1:30 - 1:45 | - Introduction of Other Government
Representatives |
| 1:45 - 2:30 | - Small Group Reports from Morning
Session |
| 2:30 - 3:00 | - Remarks from Representatives of
Other Government Departments and
Agencies |
| 3:00 - 4:00 | - Question and Discussion Period |