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8/7/75 Taxi/limousine residence to Dulles Airport

\$4.75

Lv Washington, D.C.

4:45 PM

Ar Phoenix, Arizona

6:27 PM

Rental car from Phoenix Airport to McCormick Ranch Inn,
Scottsdale, Az and return to Phoenix Airport (receipt attached) \$21.55

8/8/75 Lv Phoenix, Az.

Ar Denver, Colo

POA from Denver, Colo to Cheyenne, Wyoming and
return to Denver, Colo.

Lv Denver, Colo

78,914

$106 \times 12 \text{ mi} = 12.72$

Ar Cheyenne, Wyo

79,020

8/11/75 Lv Cheyenne, Wyo

Ar Denver, Colo

79,020

$108 \times 12 \text{ mi} = 12.96$

79,228

POA from Denver, Colo to Pueblo, Colo and
return to Denver, Colo.

Lv Denver, Colo

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$109 \times 12 \text{ mi} = 13.08$

Ar Pueblo, Colo

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8/13/75 Lv Pueblo, Colo

Ar Denver, Colo

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Lv Denver, Colo

4:30 PM

Ar Washington, D.C.

9:35 PM

Limousine/taxi from Washington/Baltimore Airport
to residence.

\$4.50

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DATE August 1, 1975

TO: James E. Connor
FROM: Fernando E. C. De Baca
SUBJECT: Request for Travel

NAME: Fernando E. C. De Baca
(Typed and signature)

DESTINATION: 1) Phoenix, Arizona (8/7 - 8/8)
2) Cheyenne, Wyoming (8/9 - 8/10)

PURPOSE OF TRIP: 1) Banquet speaker at National Council of
La Raza, Scottsdale, Arizona 2) Convention
speaker, American G. I. Forum National Convention, Cheyenne, Wyoming

DEPARTURE DATE: 8/7/75 RETURN DATE: 8/10/75

MODE OF TRANSPORTATION: Air Jet

LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS: Scottsdale Holiday Inn, Scottsdale, Ariz.
Ramade Inn, Cheyenne, Wyoming

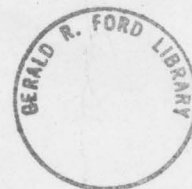
ESTIMATED TOTAL EXPENSES Transportation \$346 = \$500
Per diem/misc. 154

AUTHORIZATION OF SUPERVISOR

(Signature of Certifying Officer if appropriate)

ACKNOWLEDGED BY: James E. Connor

(submit in duplicate)



August 1, 1975

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GI Forum Convention
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HISTORY, ORGANIZATION, OBJECTIVES AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The American GI Forum was founded on March 26, 1948 - more than 27 years ago, in Corpus Christi, Texas. It was created because a Mexican-American GI, veteran of World War II, was refused burial in a federal military cemetery because of his race.

Today the GI Forum has a five-figure membership which operates through more than 500 chapters in the majority of states plus some foreign nations such as Germany and England.

The GI Forum was founded by Dr. Hector P. Garcia, an ex-Army officer who is active today as a M.D. in Corpus Christi. Dr. Garcia was aware that Hispanic-Americans per capita have received the greatest percentage of Congressional Medals of Honor and awards for valor.

America's 13-16 million Hispanic Americans constitute the second largest U.S. ethnic minority - and the one which is largest throughout the Southwest and West. Though Hispanic-predominant, the GI Forum is a U.S. veteran's family organization and fully interracial.

Our national chairmen and Founder have continued to emphasize development of our Women's Organization and Youth Organization. National officers represent several states, including Texas, California, Colorado and Illinois.

The American GI Forum seeks parity of average family income, educational attainment, and pride, dignity and respect among America's ethnic groups, toward national unity and strength. It is an effective advocate at the national, state and local levels and, in addition to being heavily community-based and "grass roots" oriented, includes a substantial percentage of members who occupy professional positions, hold advanced degrees, etc.

More than eight years ago the GI Forum became a founder and national co-sponsor of SER--Jobs For Progress, Inc. In 1973, prior to revenue-sharing, National SER had prime contracts at an annual level of \$20 million, mainly through Dept. of Labor.

SER is now a key part of a network of nearly 100 offices around the U.S. through which the GI Forum helps to provide manpower, training and economic development services. Many are funded through CETA and revenue sharing. Other projects include VOP (Veterans Outreach Program), OMBE (Office of Minority Business Enterprise), and Army ROTC.

Though the American GI Forum started with an emphasis on veteran's affairs and problems, it continues with this but now includes the range of Hispanic American social and economic concerns. Our objectives aim to uphold democracy, end discrimination, develop leadership and involvement, and build our people. A full statement of our goals and objectives, from our Constitution, can be provided upon request.



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The AMERICAN GI FORUM - Some Dimensions, Values, Observations, and Wavelengths.
Commentary and Summary Based On: Our Constitution, The Forumeer, Rap Sessions....

As a Hispanic-predominant national organization, in which the majority of members are veterans and Spanish-speaking, it is in the best interests of the American Democratic Free Enterprise (ADFE) system that we retain this mixture and balance, as a vital part of our credibility as advocates and representatives.

We are advocates, catalysts, patriots - intensely loyal American "change agents" who want to continuously improve, unify and strengthen our (ADFE) system by moving toward parity and constructive involvement. In pursuing this we tend to place emphasis along the following lines:

- 1) The American GI Forum is a FORUM, supporting town meetings, freedom of speech and the press, and proper expression of both sides of issues and problems.
- 2) We support our American system, and specifically the American democratic system, and the basic values of free enterprise and capitalism - where and when these are allowed to work, without blockage.
- 3) Barriers to equality, and equal (employment) opportunity, and also to affirmative action, and leadership and initiative at the top, create blockages and cause immobility and inequality, undermining and distorting our system.
- 4) Though Hispanic-predominant, the American GI Forum is interracial, and operates without barriers against Black Americans, White Anglo-Americans, or any other group of Americans which may be non-Hispanic or non-Chicano, welcoming them to join "to work for the aims and objectives of the organization.
- 5) As patriots and veterans, the American GI Forum supports non-violence and the suppression of crime, but it does not support racial suppression or subjugation, or the misuse and excess of police power to support a distorted view of "law and order" without justice and an effective legal and court system.

The aims and objectives of the AMERICAN GI FORUM are as follows:

1. To develop leadership by creating interest in the Spanish speaking population to participate intelligently and wholeheartedly in community, civic and political affairs.
 2. Advance understanding between citizens of various national origins and religious beliefs in order to develop a more enlightened citizenry and a greater AMERICA.
 3. Preserve and advance the basic principles of democracy, the religious and political freedom of the individual, and equal social and economic opportunities for all citizens.
 4. Secure and protect for all veterans and their families, regardless of race, color or creed, the privileges vested to them by the Constitution and Laws of our COUNTRY.
 5. Combat juvenile delinquency through the Junior GI Forum program which teaches respect for law and order, discipline, good sportsmanship and the value of teamwork.
 6. Uphold and maintain loyalty to the CONSTITUTION and FLAG of the UNITED STATES.
 7. Award scholarships to deserving students.
 8. Preserve and defend the United States of American from all enemies.
- 6) The GI Forum supports constructive socioeconomic change, but with an honest effort by each party as "American partners going 51% on a two-way street" in a manner which is realistic and feasible, in line with imbalanced resources of time and funds. We expect leadership and initiative from persons in leadership positions, particularly where affirmative action and EEO responsibilities exist.
 - 7) As is clearly stated from our Constitution, the GI Forum is not a "racist and separatist" organization and can not legally support any other such group, from any ethnic area. We are pro-American, not "anti", preferring alternatives to confrontation.
 - 8) As an advocate, oriented toward constructive American goals, the American GI Forum seeks not only to address problems and failures but also to be informed about strengths and successes, to identify positive models and appropriate "heroes" and standards, and to acknowledge and disseminate these.



HOUSING INFORMATION - 1975 National Convention, American GI Forum.

The GI Forum's 1975 National Convention is scheduled toward the end of Cheyenne's Frontier Days. This event places pressure on the availability of rooms during the Convention period, August 6-10.

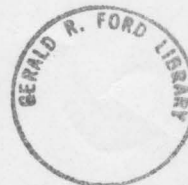
No single location has an adequate number of rooms available to handle our entire convention. The Hitching Post Inn will be Convention headquarters, Holding's Little America will have the main business sessions (and both will have exhibit booth units), and the nearby Frontier Motel will have the maximum number of rooms, 200.

Shuttle bus service is being arranged. We have written confirmation of an adequate number of suitable rooms, though: (1) early reservations will fare better on selection and location, and (2) hotels and motels encourage doubling up (esp. on government per diem), and some require a deposit or guarantee for the first night.

Area Code for all telephones is (307), and with ZIP Code all addresses will be: Cheyenne, Wyo. 82001. Room tax is 3%. A designation like 5/3 indicates the room is intended for a maximum of five persons and has three beds (including two doubles). The number of rooms listed as available is the original number committed to us.

- 1) Frontier Motel (200 rooms), 1400 W. 16th St., 634-7961; single beds--\$18; 2/2--\$22; 3/2--\$24; 4/2--\$26, 3/3--\$27, and 4/3--\$30.
- 2) Hitching Post Inn (125 rooms, majority now reserved, and no singles available), 1600 W. Lincolnway, 638-3301; 2/1--\$22-28; 2/2--\$24-29; 3/2--\$26-31; and 4/2--\$28-33.
- 3) Holiday Inn (60 rooms), 5400 Walker Road, 632-8901; 1/1--\$14; 2/1--\$18; 2/2--\$21.85; 3/2--\$24.50; and 4/2--\$27.50.
- 4) Firebird Motor Hotel (38 rooms), 1905 E. Lincolnway, 632-5505; 2/1--\$12; 3/2--\$20; 4/2--\$24; 5/3--\$26; and 6/2--\$36.
- 5) Atlas Motel (31 units), 1524 W. Lincolnway, 632-9214; 2/1--\$15; 4/2--\$20; 5/3--\$25; and 6/3--\$30.
- 6) Ramada Inn (30 rooms), 3838 E. Lincolnway, 634-2171; singles--\$13-16, 2/2--\$19 (two double beds, \$3 extra per child).
- 7) Stage Coach Motel (24 rooms) 1515 W. Lincolnway, 634-4495; singles--\$17.50-18.50; 2/2--\$22.50; 3/3--\$24.50; and 6/3--\$26.50.
- 8) Sands Motel (24 rooms), 1000 W. 16th St., 634-7771; singles--\$18; two-bed rooms--\$20-24; and family units are \$35.
- 9) Travelodge (24 rooms), 1100 W. Lincolnway, 634-2137; singles--\$17; 2/2--\$20; 4/2--\$24; and family units--\$26-35.
- 10) Holding's Little America (16 rooms), Box 1529, 634-2771; singles--\$22; 2/1--\$24; and 2/2--\$28.
- 11) Holiday Motel (11 units), 1507 W. Lincolnway, 632-9635; 2/1--\$8-12; 2/2--\$10; 3/2--\$12; 4/2--\$14-15; and 6/3--\$18.
- 12) Plains Hotel (20 rooms), 16th and Central, 638-3311; rooms with one bed are \$12-31; rooms with two beds are \$14-42.

Please specify that reservations you make are for the GI Forum Convention. Convention Decorator for this 1975 National Convention is Grosch Tucker, Inc., 2669 Larimer Street, Denver, Colorado 80205, ph. (303) 292-0252, contact Mr. Robert L. Hartsock, Account Exec.





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NCDO Itinerary, 6/24-7/13 - To Whom It May Concern.

The American GI Forum currently has a range of important projects underway, including our 1975 conventions. NCDO, the National Communications and Development Office, is involved in these. To minimize possibilities that communication might be disrupted due to travel during the period of June 24 through July 13 inclusive the following is presented:

June 24-29, pls. contact NCDO at Little America in Cheyenne, Wyoming, phone (307) 634-2771.

June 30 thru July 3 - National Council of La Raza, (202) 659-1251.

July 9-13 - Oakland Hilton Inn, (415) 635-5000.

For regular business the following channels continue:

Phone messages: (213) 672-0769, or (213) 938-2981, ext. 351 (Patrique), or (213) 670-4620 (through 7/15).

Mail to: P.O. Box 91054, Los Angeles, CA 90009, or 205 E. Plymouth Street, Suite #5, Inglewood, CA 90302.

The American GI Forum and NCDO will continue to provide the maximum service, cooperation and effectiveness in our business relationships which is compatible with: (1) the willingness of others to accept the philosophy of "American partners each going 51% on a two-way street", and (2) feasible within limitations of time and funds.





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1975 National Convention - Cheyenne, Wyoming - August 6-10.
Information and Contract for Exhibit Space and Brochure Advertisement.

With this AGREEMENT, made this _____ day of _____, 1975,
between the American GI Forum of the United States, hereinafter re-
ferred to as "GI Forum", and a public or private organization as
listed below and referred to as "Exhibitor" (whether to exhibit thru
space for an exhibit booth or in the Convention Brochure), and in con-
sideration of \$475.00 per exhibit booth and/or advertisements per
rates stated on this form:

1) the GI Forum agrees to provide space and otherwise carry thru
the arrangements and program for their 1975 National Convention, sub-
stantially in accordance with the letter and materials of invitation
to prospective Exhibitors arranging for space; and

2) the Exhibitor agrees to observe the information, regulations,
etc., as set forth in the same materials, and specifically this sheet
and the back thereof, and the applicable regulations of the City of
Cheyenne, The Hitching Post Inn, and Holding's Little America.

Exhibitor's official name and contact person are as follows:

Complete name and title: _____
Organization and street: _____
City/State/ZIP and phone: _____

Checks should be made payable to the American GI Forum and retur-
ned to: Fenn Ellery, National Communications and Development Director,
P.O. Box 91054, Los Angeles, Calif. 90009. In addition to the phone
listed on this letterhead, messages can be left with Ms. Archuleta at
(213) 670-4620 and with Pat at (213) 938-2981, ext. 351.

Decorator for this convention will contact the person designated
above by Exhibitor, regarding drayage, special arrangements, sign to
appear with exhibit, etc. Confirmation will be provided to the Exhi-
bitor's contact person listed above after a copy of this Agreement has
been executed with official signature below and received by GI Forum.

Exhibitor's commitment,
authorized signature: _____ Exhibitor's authorized represen-
tative, designated to have charge
of (any) exhibit booth space: _____

Date: _____

For Brochure space, please indicate amount needed: _____

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EXHIBIT BOOTHS. Most booths will have 10' frontage and be 8' in depth, and a copy of the floor plan and exhibit booth layout should be attached. The Hitching Post Inn will be Convention Headquarters, and Holding's Little America is conveniently adjacent and will be the site of business meetings.

A few booths, mainly in prime locations, have an irregular space. Most of these provide in excess of 800 square feet. If you are interested in one of these locations it can be arranged by specific agreement. There are also a few exhibit spaces with obstruction at 7' 10". If your exhibit is 8' or higher, or requires more than 7' 9" vertically, please indicate height here:_____.

DECORATOR and PACKAGE. Exhibit booths will be colorfully draped, by Decorator and per the package provided by the GI Forum. Backwalls will be approx. 8' high, and side and front panels at least 3'. One 6' table, and two chairs, will be provided, as will an Exhibitor sign (through Decorator). If requested, one standard electrical outlet will be available without cost as part of the package.

The Decorator will contact the Exhibitor regarding drayage, and additional and optional services which may be required, and an Exhibitor Kit will be provided. A schedule of times for set up and dismantling will be provided (as will information about the Convention Agenda, hotel reservations, etc.) All booths will be set up on Wednesday, August 6, generally starting around noon and extending through the afternoon.

The GI Forum is planning a Preview Showing of exhibits on Wednesday evening. Dismantling will take place on Saturday, August 9, per the schedule but mainly starting around noon or in the early afternoon. All dismantling must be completed on Sat., Aug. 9. Specific morning and afternoon hours (i.e., not evening hours) will be announced with the Agenda, and GI Forum again plans specific hours as part of Convention Agenda for delegates and attendees to be in exhibit area.

EXHIBITOR ADVERTISEMENTS in 1975 National Convention Brochure. Rates are:

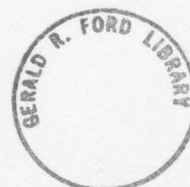
\$440--full-page; \$250--half-page; \$180--1/3-page; and \$135--quarter-page.

The 1975 National Convention Brochure will be 8½" x 11", and margins and gutter will need to be at least ¼", non-bleeding. All interior pages will be black-and-white, and rates listed above do not apply to the covers (where four-color will be available) which can be reserved separately.

Please provide camera-ready art mechanicals. Any photos should be continuous tone prints, or line art, rather than screened art. Typesetting of copy, and proofs or tear sheets, are not provided as part of the contract arrangement. If these, or any other extra work or special requirements are needed, the printer will bill Exhibitor separately. Two copies of the Brochure will again be mailed with all ad billings.

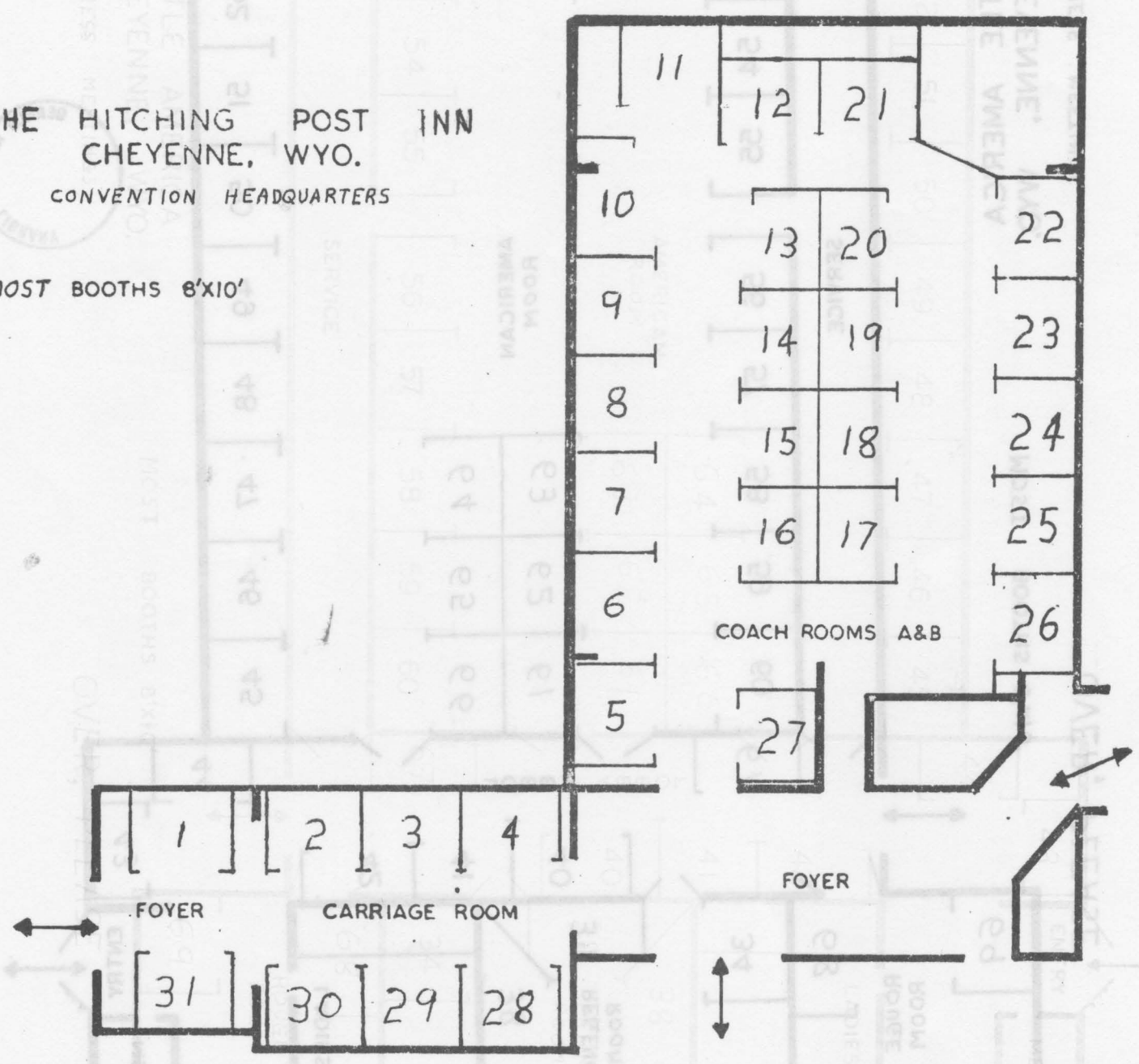
LIABILITY OF GI FORUM, and SECURITY. It is expressly agreed and understood between Exhibitors and the American GI Forum that GI Forum shall be under no liability for loss of, or damage to, goods or property of Exhibitors, or personal injury to the Exhibitor or Exhibitor's employees, and each Exhibitor on signing this contract expressly releases the GI Forum from, and agrees to hold the GI Forum harmless from, all such claims.

Security will be provided, through hotels and GI Forum, but it is still suggested that Exhibitor's personnel be present at all times during set up and dismantling, and that valuable small articles, subject to pilferage, be removed from booths during times that Exhibitor's personnel are not present.



THE HITCHING POST INN
CHEYENNE, WYO.
CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS

MOST BOOTHS 8'x10'

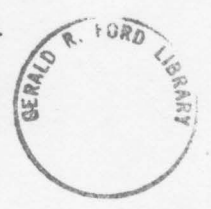


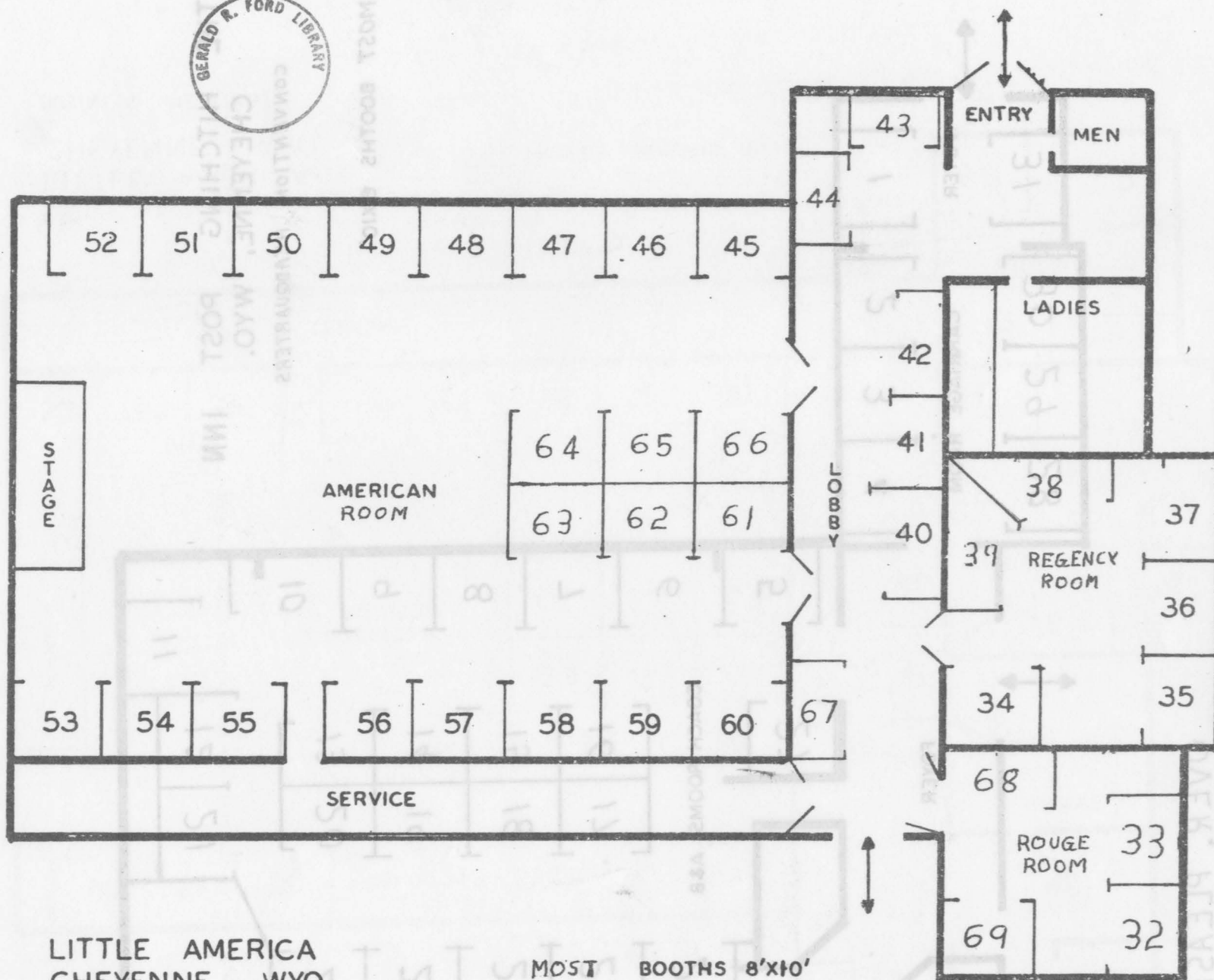
FOYER

CARRIAGE ROOM

COACH ROOMS A&B

OVER, PLEASE





LITTLE AMERICA
CHEYENNE, WYO.

BUSINESS MEETINGS

MOST BOOTHS 8'x10'

OVER, PLEASE



TENTATIVE AGENDA

1975 National Convention
American GI Forum of the U.S.
Cheyenne, Wyoming
August 6-10, 1975

WEDNESDAY, August 6.

Spanish Speaking Program Coordinators
Full day of Workshops, sponsored by
U.S. Civil Service Commission
(Separate schedule)

Exhibit booth setup (separate schedule)

4:45-5:15 - Preview Showing, Exhibits

5:30 - Reception, GI Forum Clubhouse

Registration starts at Hitching Post
Inn, later at Clubhouse also.

THURSDAY, August 7.

8 - Registration all day.

8:30-10 - Exhibit Booth Areas

10-1 - General Session, Little America
Welcoming remarks, committee appoint-
ments, rules, reports

1-2:30 - Open: lunch, exhibits

2:30-5:30 - Workshops, seminars.
Hitching Post Inn, Rooms C and D
(Separate schedule)

6:30 - Reception, GI Forum Clubhouse.
Barbeque, Sol Trujillo, Mariachi Brass
7-8 - Dancers

9-12 - Youth dance, Hitching Post Inn

FRIDAY, August 8.

8-10 - Committee meetings, Hitching Post
Inn, Rooms C, D, Capitol, Executive

8-10 - Exhibit Booth Areas

10-2 - General business session

2-3:30 - Open: lunch, exhibits

3-5 - Workshops, seminars
Little America, 3-5
Hitching Post Inn, Room C, 3:30-5
Hitching Post Inn, Room D, 3:30-5

7:30 - Banquet
NCO Club, Warren AFB

SATURDAY, August 9.

8-9, Youth meeting, election
Hitching Post Inn, Lounge

8-9:30 - Women's meeting, elections
Hitching Post Inn, Rooms C and D

8-9:30 - Exhibit Booth Areas

9-10:30 - Hispanic youth seminar

9:30-11:30 - General Session
Speaker, committee reports, resolutions

12 noon - Awards Luncheon, Hitching Post

Exhibit booth dismantling
(Separate schedule)

2-6 - General session, Hitching Post Inn
Final reports, resolutions, elections,
site selection--1977 National Convention

8 p.m.--1 a.m. - Selection of queen,
Coronation Ball, Little America

SUNDAY, August 10

Breakfast, Founder and National Board

NOTES:

A separate schedule of workshops and
seminars, for delegates, government
departments, etc., will be published and
included in registration package.

Exhibitors will receive a separate
schedule of hours for exhibit setup and
dismantling, and open hours.

Reservations should be made individually.
Shuttle bus service and schedule planned.

