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Pat Favors a Woman Justice

WASHINGTON — (AP) — First Lady Pat Nixon is pushing for a woman on the Supreme Court, she secretly entertained Rose Kennedy, and the only fan letter she ever wrote went to former baseball pitcher Bobo Newsom.

That's some of the information gathered during a relaxed plane ride yesterday with the President's wife on the way home from christening the nuclear-powered missile frigate U.S.S. California at Newport News, Va.

"Don't you worry," Mrs. Nixon said when asked about the possibility the President may nominate a woman to the nation's highest court, "I'm talking it up."

President Nixon has been getting appeals from several quarters to name a woman to fill Hugo Black's seat.

In case "they don't get one this time," Mrs. Nixon said her husband has named three women to district court judgships and "they're grooming them. They'll be moved up to other courts."

Mrs. Nixon said her two married daughters have "gotten to be expert cooks." Tricia, whom she said once took four hours to prepare dinner for her husband, "has graduated from one cookbook to another" and may even take on some Harvard courses now that she's doing so well in the kitchen. Her husband, Edward Cox, is attending Harvard Law School.

Mrs. Nixon said she has supported the Washington Senators, who are leaving the capital, for years. "I got out there and yelled my heart out," she said.

"The only fan letter I

ever wrote" went to Bobo Newsom, former major league pitcher. "One day I was there and he was thrown out of the game and I didn't think it was fair. So I wrote him a letter."

Mrs. Nixon revealed she had a private visit and tea with Mrs. Rose Kennedy, mother of the late President John F. Kennedy, at the White House May 27 to show her the portraits of President Kennedy and his former wife, Jacqueline. "She didn't tell me what she thought of them," she said.

Mrs. Nixon said she does a lot of unannounced things, like the tea with Rose Kennedy, because she doesn't want to exploit people.