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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 6, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford,

Per our conversation earlier today, I have the following information about the names you gave me to check on as to whether or not they have been invited to the White House since August:

Congressman Lindy Boggs - Congressional Ball  
December 17, 1974 (A)

Nancy Hanks - None

John Warner - None

Perkins McGuire - None

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rudd - None

Clifton Daniel - Press Christmas Party  
December 19, 1974 (R)

Thank you.

Nancy L.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 7, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford,

I have checked into why Warner VonBraun was not on the German guest list and I have been given the following information by the German desk at State Department:

1. Mr. VonBraun was on the guest list for the most recent German State visit which was May 17, 1973 when Brandt was given a State Dinner.
2. Mr. VonBraun is now retired from NASA; therefore, he would not come under the government category -- he is now a consultant for a private firm which does not deal with Germany.

Also, Mary Lou and Sonny Whitney have not been invited to the White House during the Ford Administration.

Thank you.

Nancy L.



February 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR NANCY LAMMERDING

FROM: Nancy M. Howe

Mrs. Ford has requested that Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Jamison be included as guests for one of the next state dinners. Mr. Jamison is an old friend of the President and usually plays golf with him when they are in Palm Springs. Mrs. Jamison is "Eva Gabor." Their address is 6026 Camino De La Costa, La Jolla, California 92037.





February 6, 1975

NOTE TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Nancy M. Howe

*Senator and Mrs. Charles H. Percy  
were recommended for the guest list  
last evening by Mr. Max Friedersdorf.*

NMH/cp



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

NANCY HOWE

FROM:

MIKE FARRELL

SUBJECT:

After Dinner Entertainment

As you requested, I have listed below members of my staff in order of seniority:

1. Mrs. Dora R. Tennant
2. Miss Catherine L. Barker
3. Mrs. Marian N. Brumback (Rev. Carl V. Brumback)
4. Mrs. Joyce N. Adams (Mr. Wayne W. Adams)
5. Miss Barbara L. Earp
6. Miss Louise M. Willett

Appreciate your suggesting this. It will be great for morale.



**MEMO TO:** Nancy Ruwe  
Social Secretary

**FROM:** Dorothy Downton  
Personal Secretary to the President

**DATE:** March 10, 1975

**SUBJECT:** People to be invited to a State Dinner

The President indicated to me this morning that he would like the following friends invited to a future State Dinner. He would like to have two couples invited at a time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Holmes Ellis  
The Waters Mansion  
20 South College  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

*RMX Wm. W. Irwin*

Dr. and Mrs. Willard VerMeulen  
201 Hillview, N.E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Boshoven  
302 Lakewood Drive, S.E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Stiles  
2663 Beechwood Drive, S.E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cole  
3329 Breton Road, S.E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49508

Would you please alert me as to when these folks are invited so that I may alert the President ahead of time.

Thank you very much.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 21, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford,

RE: Response to your recent thoughts and questions

We have made note of Phyllis Diller, Carol Burnett, Juliette Prowse, and Gwen Verdon as possible entertainers for State Dinners.

We have also made note of your wish to have Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson, Honorable and Mrs. Walter Annenberg, Colonel and Mrs. Earle Blaik, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Capra invited to a future State Dinner. We will keep in mind that Colonel Blaik and Mr. Capra are golfing buddies.

\* Congressman and Mrs. Kemp have not been invited to a State Dinner.

Mrs. Mary Louise Smith and husband, Dr. Elmer Smith, attended a State Dinner on October 8, 1974 (Poland).

Honorable and Mrs. Bill Brock attended the German State Dinner on Dec. 5, 1974.

The William Irwins and William Bloomers are on the list for the State Dinner on May 8, 1975.

Thank you.

Nancy R.

\* We will coordinate this with Max Friedersdorf's office.



May 24, 1975

FOR: NANCY RUWE  
FROM: Nancy Chirton

Mrs. Ford has requested that the following individuals be placed on the invitation list for the Scheel Dinner on June 16th:

Dinner

Mr. Albert Capraro  
Fashion Designer for Jarry Guttenberg Ltd.  
550 Seventh Avenue  
New York, New York 10018

After Dinner

Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Robert E. Blake  
Air Force Aide to the President

Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Americo A. Sardo  
Marine Corps Aide to the President





June 8, 1975

FOR: NANCY RIWE  
FROM: Nancy Chiddon  
SUBJECT: State Dinner Guests

Mrs. Ford has indicated she would like the following individuals invited to future State Dinners:

Dr. Chester L. Ward  
Assistant White House Physician

Mrs. Norman Chandler (Dorothy)  
Performing Arts Council  
Music Center of Los Angeles County  
Times Mirror Square  
Los Angeles, California 90053

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collier 765-4555  
6202 Fort Hunt Road  
Alexandria, Virginia 22307

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Martin 652-6629  
7607 Glendale Road  
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Blunck 393-1000  
Statler Hilton Hotel  
16th and K Street  
Washington, D. C.



August 11, 1975

Nancy,

Mrs. Ford indicated that she would like  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collier invited as  
a dinner guest to a future State Dinner.  
Address follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collier (Jeanne)  
6202 Fort Hunt Road  
Alexandria, Virginia 22307  
765-4555

Nancy Chirton



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 8, 1975

FOR: JAN INGERSOLL  
FROM: Nancy Chirdon *nc*  
SUBJECT: Suggested State Dinner Guests

*Mrs. Ford indicated that she would like to add Brigadier General and Mrs. Lawrence E. Adams to the after-dinner guest list for the State Dinner in honor of President Lopez of Columbia. General Adams is the former head of the White House Communications Agency.*

*She would also like you to keep the following individuals in mind for upcoming State Dinners:*

*Mr. Peter Sellers (actor)  
Miss Nanette Fabray (actress and comedienne)*





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September 29, 1975

FOR: JAN INGERSOLL  
FROM: Nancy Chirton  
SUBJECT: Guest List Suggestions for Future State Dinners

Mrs. Ford has requested that the following people be invited to upcoming State Dinners:

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Grace  
"Gracefield"  
Shelter Rock Road  
Manhasset, Long Island

Mr. and Mrs. William Coombs  
Villanova, Pennsylvania

Mr. Ronald Van Ruychevelt  
Monterey, California

(Keep in mind if the President of Mexico  
is given a State Dinner)



February 10, 1976

FOR: MARIA DOWNS  
FROM: Nancy Chirton  
SUBJECT: *Guest List Suggestions for the State Dinner  
In Honor of President of Ireland*

*Mrs. Ford would like the following invited to the above  
State Dinner:*

- Mr. Luis Estevez  
Designer  
122 East 7th Street  
Los Angeles, California  
213/627-1741
- Mr. Claude Akins  
Co-Star, "Movin'-On"  
NBC Television
- Mr. Frank Converse  
Co-Star, "Movin'-On"  
NBC Television



March 18, 1976

FOR: MARIA DOWNS  
FROM: Nancy Chirton

1. Attached is the article from the New York Times that Mrs. Ford wanted you to see.

2. State Dinner guest list suggestions.

a. Mrs. Ford would like Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fisher  
5452 Northumberland Street  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15217  
Invited to a State Dinner.

b. The President feels that we have got to invite Sammy Davis, Jr. to the State Dinner for the President of France even though he may not be entertainer for the dinner.



June 1, 1976

NOTE FOR MARIA DOWNS

FROM: Carolyn Porembka

Mrs. Ford has indicated that she would like the following couples invited to the state dinner in Honor of the Queen Elizabeth:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walders (Merle Oberon)  
23816 West Malibu Road  
Malibu, California  
Telephone: 213-456-2931

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Secchia  
2833 Bonnell, SE  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506  
Phone: 616-949-6221

Thank you.





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I UNDERSTAND SUSAN  
LIKED THE NAVY SHORT  
CHITTON HOWEVER THAT  
WAS A SKETCH YOU SORT  
OF LIKED FROM MY  
LAST VISIT TO WASHINGTON  
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY  
THERE WAS SOME QUESTION  
ABOUT THE NAVY.

BY THE WAY MERLE OBERON'S  
ADDRESS IS.

MR. & MRS. ROBERT (MERLE OBERON)  
WALDERS  
23816 WEST MALIBU RD.  
MALIBU CAL.

TEL. 213  
456-2931

MY VERY BEST REGARDS AND  
GOOD THOUGHTS TO YOU  
AND PRESIDENT FORD.

VERY SINCERELY



June 7, 1976

FOR: MARTA DOWNS  
FROM: Nancy Chardon  
SUBJECT: State Dinner List Suggestions

Mrs. Ford would like the following invited to upcoming State Dinners:

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellon  
Oak Spring  
Upperville, Virginia 22176  
(703/592-3211)

Mr. and Mrs. Lang Washburn  
1017 Saville Lane  
McLean, Virginia 22101

Mr. and Mrs. William Cafritz  
5334 Goldsboro Road  
Bethesda, Maryland 20034  
(301-3062)



June 26, 1976

FOR: MARTA DOWNS  
FROM: Nancy Chirton  
SUBJECT:  Guest List Suggestions for State Dinner IHO  
Chancellor Schmidt of Germany

Mrs. Ford would like the following invited to the above state dinner:

Honorable and Mrs. Bryce Harlow  
3744 - 30th Road, North  
Arlington, Virginia 22207

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Whyte  
5124 Rockwood Parkway  
Washington, D.C. 20016

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Markley  
3909 Watson Place, Northwest  
Washington, D.C. 20016





July 7, 1976

NOTE TO MARGA DOWNS

FROM: Carolyn Porembka

SUBJECT: Schmidt State Dinner, July 15, 1976

The following people are to be invited to the Schmidt State Dinner per Mrs. Ford's request. (Susan Ford will be attending this dinner with an escort.)

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Beaver (Bob and Dorothy)

1235 Margarita Drive

Fullerton, California 92633

(They hosted a reception for Mrs. Ford on her recent trip to California which included 1400 - 1800 people and paid all expenses)

Mrs. Peggy Nardi

Telephone: 312-584-2690 or 312-584-6780

Mrs. Nardi is Kim Nardi's mother. She will attend with an escort as well as Kim and an escort. Kim is staying with Susan this summer.

Thanks.



July 15, 1976

FOR: MARIA DOWNS  
FROM: Nancy Chirton  
SUBJECT: Suggested Guest List for State Dinners

Mrs. Ford would like the following people invited to the State Dinner IHO Schmidt of Germany on July 18th:

Mrs. Jay G. Hayden (Ruth)  
9605 East Bexhill Drive  
Kensington, Maryland 20795  
949-2658

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Theodore Haberland (Ted) and Ursula)  
Fonlease Farm  
Upperville, Virginia 22196

Mr. and Mrs. Brook McCormick  
President, International Harvester Company



July 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MARIA DOWNS  
FROM: Nancy Chirton

Mrs. Ford would like the following invited to upcoming State Dinners:

Dr. John E. Roberts  
512 South Washington Street  
Alexandria, Virginia  
O: KI9-2221  
H: KI9-4329

(Ford family physician)

Mrs. Frankie Welch  
305 Cameron Street  
Alexandria, Virginia  
O: 549-0204

(fashion designer and  
boutique owner)



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*Maria:*

*The President extended a personal invitation to the Kekkonen State Dinner to Mr. Milton Hoffman, Martin Hoffman and Mrs. Helena Makinen. (They previously attended a state dinner this spring) Milton Hoffman's address is Wilton Caterers, Incorporated, 710 South Main Street, Spring Valley, New York 10977. Milton called this morning with this information.*

*Thanks.*

*Carolyn Porembka*

