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Dear Mrs. Ford,  
what a treat it was  
to meet you!

I wish you, President  
Ford and your family  
the best of luck.

you have been a great  
inspiration to the  
people of the United  
States.

With all good wishes,  
Theodore Halpern

November 18, 1976

Mrs. Gerald K. Ford



September 14, 1976

Dear Sally,

The President and I enjoyed your note so very much. We do hope you are happy in your new life as a mother and all the joy that role brings.

One of the nicest and most pleasant aspects of my position as First Lady has been being surrounded by the most professional group of people it has ever been my pleasure to know. You have been a tremendous asset to me and my family in the two years we have been in the White House, and have made my job so much easier. For that, I thank you very, very much.

May all possible happiness and success be yours in the future.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sally B. Ranion  
9692 Hagel Circle  
Lorton, Virginia 22079

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Sally B. Runion

9692 HAGEL CIRCLE LORTON, VA. 22079

Dear President and Mrs. Ford,

My apologies for the delay in writing to thank you for the photographs, but I wanted to wait so I could add my congratulations on the nomination. It was certainly a great victory. I hope the entire family enjoyed a relaxing vacation before the rigors of the campaign begin.

I can't thank you enough for the pictures. I am deeply touched by the inscriptions and am so proud of them. They are marvelous to have and they hang in our home with great pride.



Mrs. Ford, I would also like to say how much I enjoyed working for you. It was indeed a pleasure to be a member of the East Wing. You are so loved and admired by the American people, and I know that feeling toward you will continue, not only for the next four years, but beyond that time as well.

With much gratitude for all your kindness and thoughtfulness,

Jally



VIEW

President and Mrs. Gerald Ford  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500



*Sally B. Runion*

9692 HAGEL CIRCLE LORTON, VA. 22079

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To Sally Reunion - with deep  
appreciation for all those  
long hours of excellent work.

Affectionately

Betty Ford





*To Sally Runion  
With warm best wishes to "Big Mama"*

*"First Mama"*

*Betty Ford*





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THANK YOU  
For the Baby Gift



my appreciation for the beautiful plant. It gave the baby's room an added "Welcome Home" touch.

As Bill gets a little older, I am sure he will cherish your card in the same way that I cherish your kindness in being so thoughtful at an especially hectic time for you!

My thanks again -

Margaret Patterson

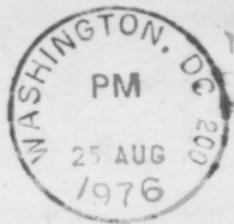


Dear Mrs. Ford,

Many, many thanks--  
More than words can say  
For welcoming our baby  
In such a special way!

Thank you so much for the photograph from the baby-shower. I received it during my stay in the hospital, and it certainly gave my morale a needed lift!

I would also like to send



Mrs. Betty Ford  
% Miss Nancy Chirton  
Room 213 - East Wing  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 16, 1976

Dear Mrs. Ford,

If you feel I could be of assistance to you and the President's staff during the Convention, I would greatly appreciate your consideration of my request to go to Kansas City.

I worked for the Press Office during the '72 Convention and am well aware of the work and coordination that will be required.

In addition, I would be cheap help! My husband, who will be handling Carla Hills' Convention activities, has already been assigned a room at the Crown Plaza Hotel. If I assure him that I will work hard and not interfere with his job, I'm certain he will be amenable to sharing his accommodations with me.

Seriously, I truly want to help in whatever way possible and would consider it an honor to do so. Also, I feel it would be most beneficial to providing guidance to the Correspondence Staff when responding to the heavy volume of mail I expect you to receive afterwards.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,



E. O'Neill

THE WHITE HOUSE

MRS. FORD

c/o The Ushers Office

Personal



Patterson, Sam and Pat

After three boys I speak  
from experience - so  
be a good boy and  
sleep all through the  
night - So Mom  
and Dad can  
get their rest -



8 pounds and 15  
ounces of love and joy  
Congratulations.

Mrs Ford



Nothing could be nicer  
Than a little baby son  
To fill your hearts with gladness  
And to fill your home with fun,  
So with "Congratulations"  
Comes a wish that all of you  
Will share a lot of happiness  
And many dreams come true.

Welcome to this world  
William - You will  
bring a great deal of  
happiness to your  
parents I am sure.



July 2, 1976

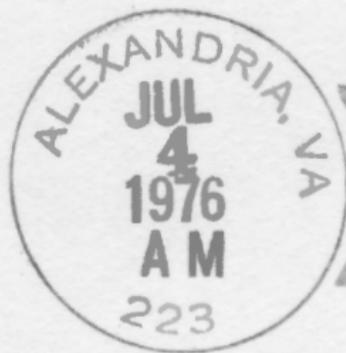
Dear President and Mrs. Ford,

Thank you so much for sending the flowers. They were so beautiful and I was deeply touched by your thoughtfulness. The card is darling and so true — one of Jay's first gifts was a football from his father!



Although tiny, he is a strong and healthy baby and has brought such joy to our lives. While I don't know how long the feeling may last, I even enjoy getting up in the middle of the night with him!

Again, our many thanks and very best wishes to you both,  
Sally and Joe Runion



President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

JUNE 23, 1976

DEAR MRS. FORD,

MAY I CONVEY MY PROFOUND  
ADMIRATION FOR YOUR SIMPLE  
AND BEAUTIFUL HANDLING OF  
LAST NIGHT'S VERY SAD  
EVENT. I KNOW YOU WERE  
A SOURCE OF GREAT SOLACE  
AND STRENGTH TO EVERYONE.  
AND AN INSPIRATION TO  
THOSE OF US WHO WERE  
NOT PRESENT.

IT IS IRONIC THAT THE  
MIRACLE OF BIRTH AND THE  
CERTAINTY OF DEATH SHOULD SO  
POIGNANTLY MERGE LAST  
NIGHT —AIDED BY YOUR  
GENTLE AFFIRMATION OF LIFE.



With admiration  
and affection,  
Susan

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1976

Dear Mrs. Ford:

Probably at no time, and certainly not within recent memory, have the East Wing and the West Wing worked so closely together on issues of mutual concern. In particular your wholehearted support of the principle of true equality has been a tremendous source of morale for my office. Because of your dedication and spirit, the quality of my service to the President was immeasurably improved.

As you know, the State Department is only five blocks away. If I can ever be of assistance to you, I would be delighted--and honored. It has been a joy for me to have been associated with you and the President.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Lindh  
Special Assistant to the President

Mrs. Ford  
The White House



Dear Mr. Ford,

Thank you for the lovely birthday message. It certainly brightened my day, but I must admit not as much as the opportunity to work for you has brightened my life.

After reading a great deal of your mail, I realize what an inspiration you are to so many Americans; and this, in turn, has encouraged me even more to do my very best on your behalf.

**liz o'neill**

Thank you for remembering  
me and congratulations to  
you and the President on  
the Illinois Primary results.

Sincerely,  
Liz

March 17, 1976



B.F.

Mrs. Ford

February 13, 1976

Dear Mrs. Ford,

Your pink carnation corsage  
was a very special present which  
I enjoyed all through the day as an  
expression of your kindness.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Ann Haas

P.S. It is presently being reflected in the mirror  
over our mantel.



B. F.

Mrs. Ford

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 6, 1976

Dear Mrs. Ford,

First, thank you so much for your kindness and your reassurance in meeting with the members of your correspondence staff this week. Your talk meant a great deal to us all.

Second, may I suggest Susan Porter as a possible candidate for the position of Director of Correspondence. Susan could provide leadership and has White House experience, a knowledge of government and private organizations, writing ability, and judgment to offer in achieving the best operation of the office. As a former drafter, she has an inside appreciation of the scope and depth of the correspondence.

Again, thank you from all of us. We left you feeling exhilarated.

Sincerely,

*Ann Haas*



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Ford

It was kind of you  
to invite the Christian  
Fellowship women to  
see "The Hidden Place"  
with you last Friday.  
And treating us to  
pop and popcorn  
was so thoughtful.  
Thank you

Kay Trznovszky



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*Mrs. Blaine Louis Wicklein*

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Dec. 31, 1975

Dear Mrs Ford:

on behalf of the Gift Unit,  
I want to thank you so much  
for remembering us with the  
Jefferson Cup at Christmas.  
We were overjoyed and shall  
treasure it always.

It is a rare privilege  
to serve the Ford family.  
Warmest wishes for a happy  
and successful 1976!  
Respectfully, Marjorie Wicklin

Mrs. Ford

Personal

Mr. Wood



Dear Mrs. Ford,

1-1-76

It was so thoughtful of you to send the engraved Jefferson Cup as a Christmas gift. It is something I shall always cherish.

Gary and I are delighted with the print, "Farmyard in Winter," which we plan to have framed & hang in our family room. Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,

Margaret Engstrom

December 24, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford,

Your beautiful Jefferson cup  
is a special gift which I will  
always treasure.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Aun Naas

P. S. We all cheered for you in China!



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 2, 1976

President and Mrs. Ford,

Today is my last day here at  
the White House.

I would like to express my  
deep appreciation for the honor  
and privilege of having served  
on your staff and worked for  
such a fine family.

Sincerely,

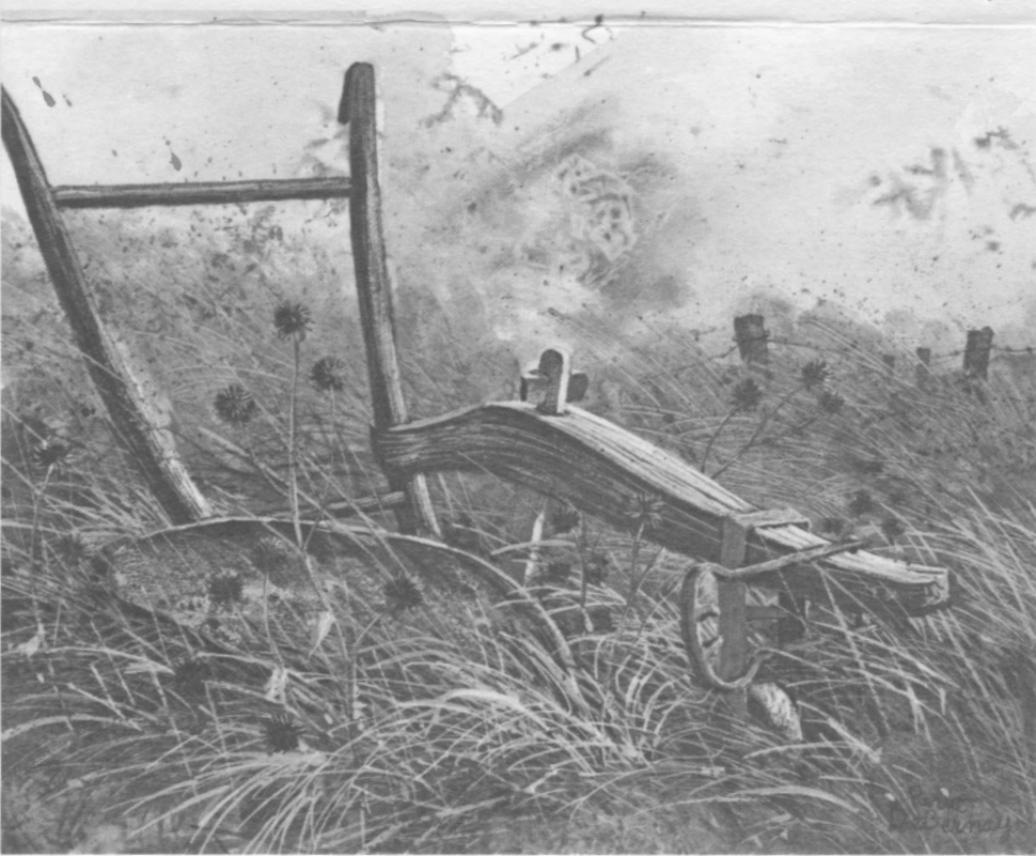
Roy M. Hase-Jr.



COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO 80941

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CURRENT COUNTRYSIDES





December 15, 1975

Dear President and Mrs. Ford,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the Jefferson cup you sent in honor of our son's birth.

A new baby is such a wonderful blessing and we are honored to have you share in our joy.

Sincerely,  
Cyndi Doughty  
(daughter-Ray M. Hare)

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 13, 1976

Dear Mrs. Ford:

Your kindness in inviting staff members to share with you the movie, "The Hiding Place," meant very much to us all.

The cold soft-drinks were an unexpected treat, and the popcorn in individual bags was the limit! You thought of everything.

With appreciation and affection from your crew,

The Gang



Sunday Jan 11

Dear Mrs Fane,

Over the years I have gathered some Fane memorabilia, but none means as much as the latest addition - the Betty Fane Jefferson Cup. I thank you very very warmly for your Christmas gift - it shall have lovely memories of my service on your staff.

And thank you also for your invitation to see the movie "The 7th Day's Place". One forgets the suffering of WW II - and the message of love of human kind and the deep love of God really filled me.

I had a wonderful holiday in Michigan with family and friends. I



also met several times with  
the local President John  
Committee & helped them to  
organize. So many of your  
friends send their love  
to you through me.

Again, it is truly  
a real privilege to work  
for you and the President.

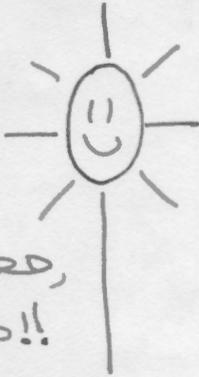
With deep affection  
— always —  
Dorothy



Mrs. Ford.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON



DEAR MRS. FORD,  
HAPPY TRIP!!



SINCERELY,  
SUSAN

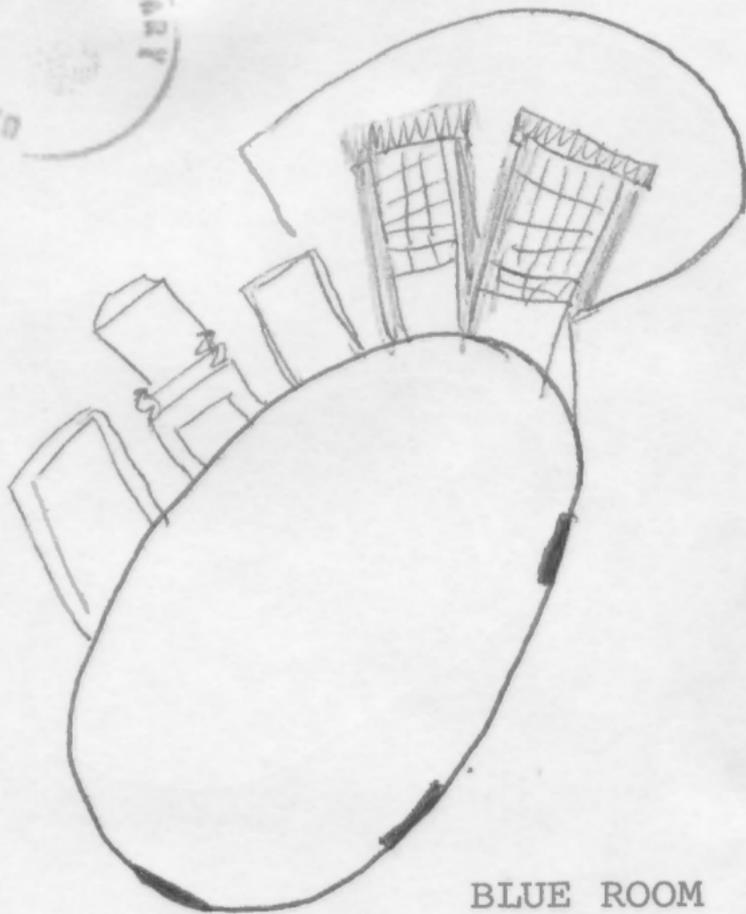


NOVEMBER,  
1975



**THE WHITE HOUSE**

**WASHINGTON**



**BLUE ROOM**

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON



Good Morning!

This is your morning  
Quiz Show -- to test your  
morning alertness and wide-  
awakeness:

Attached are three  
rugs. Which rug fits in  
the Blue Room? The Blue Room  
is blue and oval in shape:

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WASHINGTON

Answer: That's right: the  
Blue Room has an oval rug!



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WASHINGTON

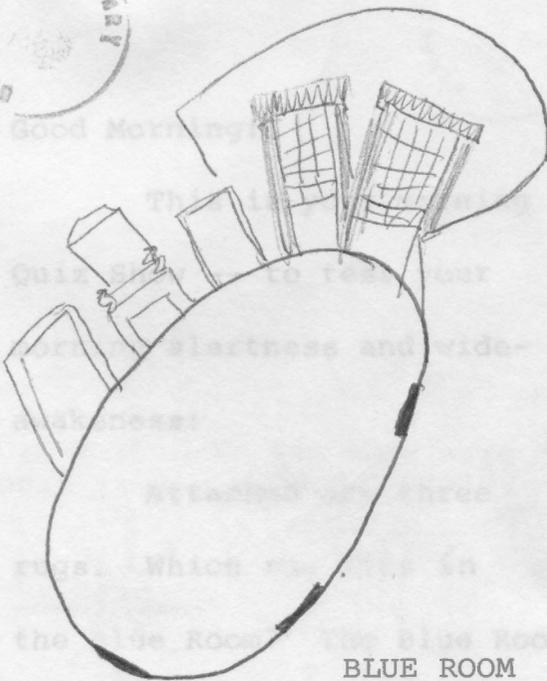
Dear Mrs. Ford,

Per our chuckle  
yesterday afternoon....  
Good morning!

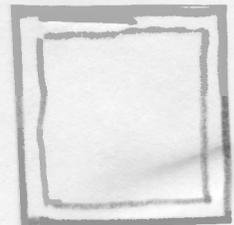
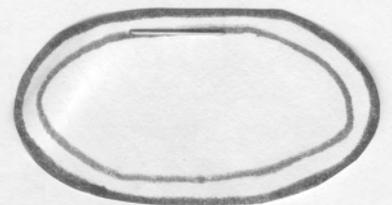
susan



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON



BLUE ROOM



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 2, 1975

Dear Betty:

I understand the Maria Downs matter is settled exactly as you wished.

With respect to the State Dinner List, we will do it any way you and the President work out. But, my hope is that we can get an arrangement worked out which we will all understand.

I understand the President will be visiting with you about it.

Sincerely,

Donald Rumsfeld

Mrs. Gerald Ford  
The White House



January 5, 1976

Dear Clem,

You were most kind to remember us during the holidays with the delicious box of our favorite chocolates. They were really popular with our family who join with me in sending our deepest appreciation for your gift.

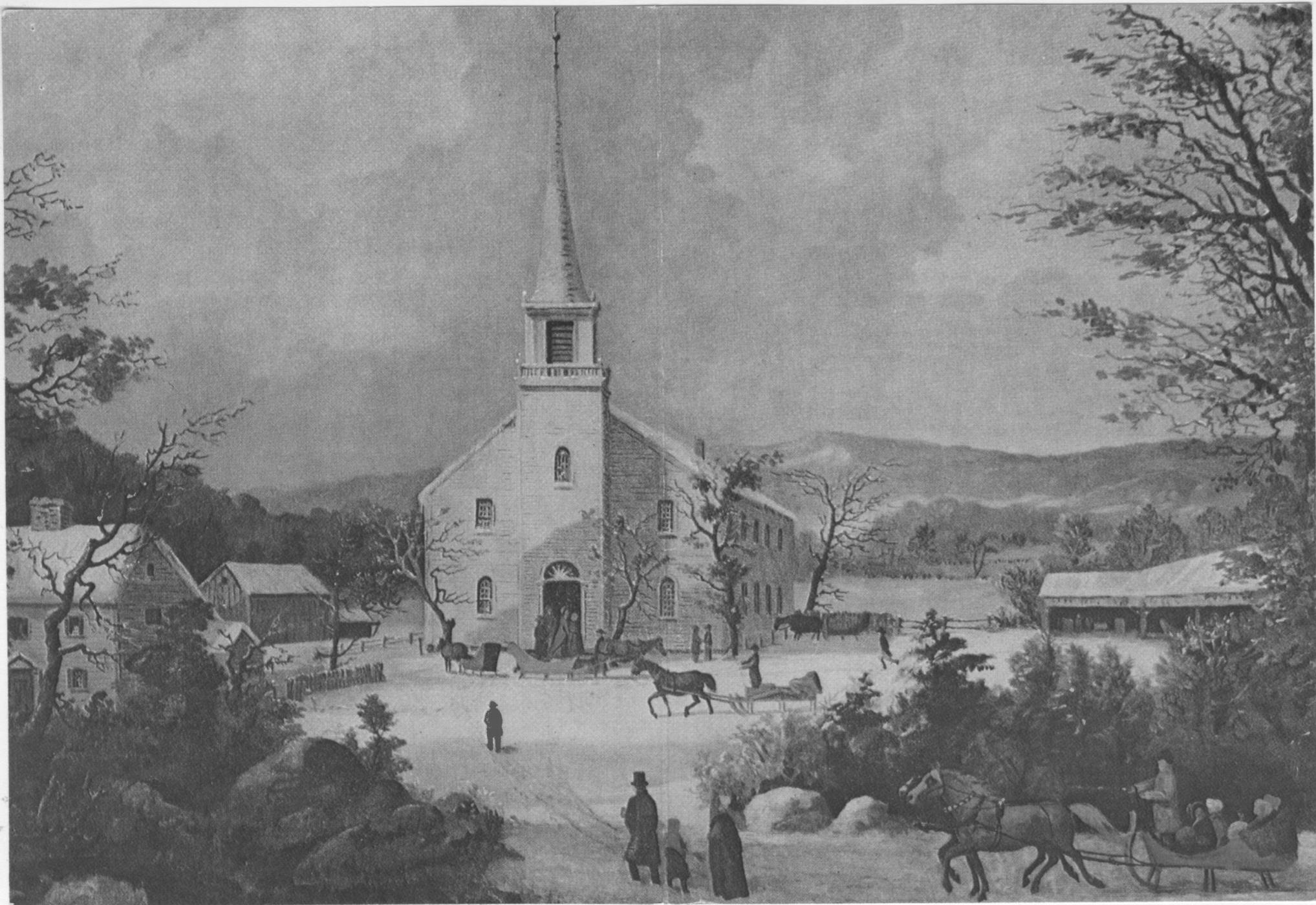
May you and Lianne enjoy happiness and good health throughout the new year and always.

Sincerely,

Mr. Clem Conger  
320 Mansion Drive  
Alexandria, Virginia 22302

cp





My sincere admiration  
for what you are trying  
to do for the country.  
Don't let the odds  
discourage you. You'll win  
in the end, I am sure.



My sincere appreciation for  
the beautiful reproduction  
of the Durrie winter scene  
in the Green Room and the  
handsome tie clip. The  
scene is one of my  
favorites.

— Clem Conger

Burgoyne  
PHILADELPHIA  
MADE IN U.S.A.

Best wishes  
for  
Christmas  
and the  
New Year

LIANNE AND CLEM CONGER

For  
The President  
and Mrs. Ford

320 Mansion Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302



Box of Godiva Chocolates  
(Red box with wire and mesh angel  
on top)

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 17, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford:

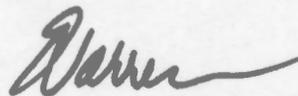
You are a beautiful lady! It has been a delight for me to observe you as you have grown into one of the Nation's most lovely First Lady's. I feel I know you well because of my involvement in the President's schedule which has allowed me to watch you first-hand.

You have a great and exciting role to play in our Nation's future. For many you are the hope and inspiration for their dreams: for others; the tenacity and drive to hang on. Your fine human qualities; warmth, intelligence, personality, sophistication, make you a substantial asset to the President.

You have a marvelous opportunity to be bold and imaginative in the way you address human needs and issues which confront our Nation. I know you will continue to use your total resolve to bring "light where there is darkness and hope where there is dispair."

May God bless you in all your endeavors and all my best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,



Warren S. Rustand

Mrs. Gerald (Betty) Ford

The White House



you are. The fact you are really  
down a bit for women by being af-  
fected about your surgery. I  
want to take this opportunity to  
thank you for selecting Miller for  
us. We are so happy! We are great  
and care so much that we do every-  
thing perfectly for you, the greatest  
and your family.  
We have coming of your trip  
to China has been great - thank  
you very much.  
With love,  
Pat

December 5, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford,

It is nice to know that I will  
be starting back to work on Monday.  
This is my favorite time of the year  
and I hate that I have missed so  
much as I have, but Marie and  
Linda have kept me up-to-date on  
all of the Christmas preparations as  
I have talked with the office daily.  
Thank you so much for the  
beautiful chrysanthemum plant. It was  
loaded with beautiful blooms; in fact,

W.L.



it still has a few blooms. I also want to thank you for the nice note and for the replacement. My sister was crushed when she spilled water on the first note while she was watering the plant.

I was really upset over having to be away from work at this time and I greatly appreciated your understanding and concern. That really made me feel better.

While I was in the hospital, my doctor saw the plant & note you sent & I told her how understanding you were to my having to have surgery. She then told me what a marvelous lady she thinks

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Nov. 24

Dear Mrs. Ford -

Thank you so much  
for the beautiful inscription  
you wrote on the  
photograph to my  
parents. I know they  
will cherish it.

Fondly,  
Sheila



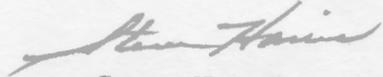
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Ford,

Paula and I wish to thank you and the President for the lovely Jefferson Cup you sent our son, Reed. For you to be so considerate, with all the rigors of this House, is most flattering and appreciative.

All of us will cherish the cup and your thoughtfulness.

Thank you,



Steve Harris  
Usher's Office



Mon. Jan 13, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford - First Lady of the U.S.

Words will never be adequate; feelings will never be matched - that will really convey to you Mrs. Ford, what we feel; your kindness, respect and consideration towards our - us me and my family and Stewart, will never be forgotten and we thank you!

May God look after you our First Lady - and your beloved husband, our President,



President Gerald R. Ford.

May God make us all  
instruments of His Grace.

Respectfully and gratefully

Mrs. Stuart G. Strub Jr.

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*American Greetings*

B. F.  
Thank  
You



Dear Mrs. Ford,

I thank you so much for  
the beautiful birthday corsage!  
Your thoughtfulness made a  
special day for me even nicer.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Patterson

Design By Ruth Nordbø, Telemark, Norway  
THE NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM, Decorah, Iowa



September 15<sup>th</sup>

Dear Mrs. Ford,

B.F.

Thank you so much for the tickets to the President's Box at the Kennedy Center, Saturday afternoon. My husband, Gary and I greatly enjoyed the performance of *Freemontisha*. It was very thoughtful of you to make them available to us.

Sincerely,

Margaret Engleberson

