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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 18, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford,

I thank you so much for the lovely flower. It was a nice surprise and really made my birthday.

I'd also like to take this chance to tell you how proud I am to be on your staff. It is a pleasure to work for such a great lady.

Fran Paris



B.F.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Mrs. Ford

Scott Joplin and
the Presidential Box
at the Kennedy Center
Opera House made
Saturday afternoon
a marvelous and
unforgettable experience.

Thank you

Russell



~~File~~

October 18, 1974

Dear Mrs. Ford;

I was very saddened to learn of your recent illness and have much sympathy for you, because I, too, have had similar surgery fourteen years ago. However, I am delighted your recovery is going so well and wish you the very best toward full recovery.

I work on the National Security Council staff at the White House & had the pleasure of attending the staff picnic some weeks before your illness & talking to you. Also you were kind enough to pose with me for the enclosed picture, which I treasure dearly. I would be most grateful if you would autograph it for me please & return in the enclosed envelope.

May your recovery continue to be good & rapid.

Sincerely,
Grace Woods



Mrs. Gerald Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Attn: Nancy Howe



Friday
February 7

Dear Mrs. Ford,

Wednesday was such a terrific evening! Attending the White House after-dinner entertainment was both an honor and a thrill. My cousin, John, who was in town, felt the same way and at one point remarked, "They'll never believe this in Houston!"

"Saturday in the Park" was on my mind all day yesterday, and it was a real pleasure to recount each detail of the event for the vicarious participation of all your staff, I think.

You were so kind to think of me and so generous to include me in an occasion I'll never forget.

Sincerely,
Ann Haas



February 13, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford,

Your beautiful pink carnation
is a further expression of your
kindness and thoughtfulness.
I am deeply honored by your
remembrance.

Thank you again, Mrs. Ford.
You have made this birthday
very special.

Sincerely,

Ann Haas



Nov. 18, 1974

Dear Mrs. Ford,

How kind of you to think of me when my mother passed away last week.

Your concern and floral expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

God bless the President and you for the good work you are doing.

Sincerely,

Janet Bowen
Pres. Housekeeper





THE HOLLOW

Feb. 4, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford,

I want you to know how deeply appreciative I am for your warm hospitality so freely given on my behalf on Friday, January the 24th. I also speak for my entire family, for I know they enjoyed every minute.

To see so many of my friends at one gathering was truly a highlight in my life and of course made





THE HOLLOW

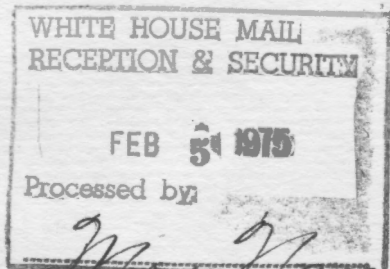
possible only by you.

Again my sincere
appreciation to my
seventh First Lady -

Sincerely yours,
Sandy



SANFORD L. FOX
6579 Braddock Road
Alexandria, Va. 22312



Mrs. Nancy Howe

Enat King

The White House

Washington, D.C.

20500

Smith, Helen



October 11th

Dear Mrs. Ford.

A very warm 'Welcome Home'
and may you feel better and
better every day.

I want you to know that I

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Sincerely mean that it has been an honor to work with you during the transition and I shall always be grateful to you.

I consider you not only a great "boss" but also a friend and I hope our friendship will continue.

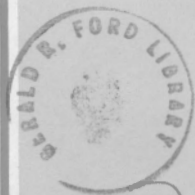
213. You and all the family have
My very best wishes for a Long
and happy Tenure in the White House -
but please take care of yourself and
don't overdo!

My affection always,
Helena.

Mrs. Ford

MRS. MCCAIN SMITH
2126 CONN AV. NW.
WASHINGTON, D.C.
20008





September 27th.

Dearest Mrs. Ford -

Bless your heart! I just heard
the news from Bill Roberts and it
came as a great shock.

I can only say, that looking

3 as well and lovely as you did
to-day, I feel and pray that it is
benign.

My Love, thoughts and prayers
will be with you every moment, and
I know you'll come through with
flying colors - you are a great
trouper.

affectionately,
Helen.



Mrs. Val Hogue

January 3, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford,

Thank you so much for
the beautiful flowers you &
the President sent when I

lost my lovely Mother just
before Christmas.

I also wish to express my
appreciation for the nice
Christmas remembrance I
found upon my return.

This has been a very unhappy
season for me - losing both
Mother & wonderful Stewart
Stant. Your kind thoughtfulness
will stay in my heart.
Thank you both again.

Sincerely -
Betty Hogue



Mrs. Ford

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 7, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford:

First, I want to identify myself. I am Phil Buchen's secretary. He and Bunny have spoken so much of you that I really feel I know you myself. I have wanted many times to write a note to let you know how we appreciate your warm personality and your generosity to the staff (and also that of your husband), but felt I didn't want to impose on your time. My husband and I were privileged to be included in the reception you and the President gave on August 23, 1974, and wanted you to know how much we enjoyed the evening.

You have been in our prayers, and we are so pleased that you have recovered so beautifully. I can well understand how your back can flare up. I suffered for a year and a half with mine -- hardly able to walk -- and finally had surgery. I'm just fine now. I know how miserable you can be. We will continue to pray for the recovery of your back also.

And now I want to tell you of someone I feel sure you will remember -- Vicki Chern. Vicki is a lovely girl -- 27 years old -- who made application to work on your staff, but it is my understanding that you had already selected your staff when you received her resume.

She met you at your home in Alexandria when she was News Director for USIA and spent the afternoon doing a filming. She told me that at a press dinner a few weeks later you recognized her and came over for a chat. She was so very pleased that you would remember her.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
February 7, 1975

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Take each day as they come.
because I know
for Tomorrow ~~remember~~ you
will feel better.

I had a phone call from a mutual friend yesterday afternoon who said Vicki was on the operating table at that precise moment having a breast removed. If you might remember her and have the time, I know how much it would mean to her to have some word from you. She is in Room 3116-E at George Washington Hospital. I talked again to our friend last night and he said she was really doing fine. Then I called Vicki this afternoon, and she really sounds wonderful and said she is feeling pretty well.

Thanks so much for the good feeling you have brought back to the White House. Our very best to you and your wonderful family.

Sincerely,

Eva Daughtrey

Eva Daughtrey



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 11, 1974

Dear Mrs. Ford:

The Office of Women's Programs rejoices with your family and friends in welcoming you home. Our prayers and thoughts were with you during the trying past two weeks, as they will be with you during your recuperation period.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Fondly,

Pat Lindh

Pat Lindh
Special Assistant to the Counsellor

Karen Keesling

Karen Keesling
Director

Noreen McDaniel

Noreen McDaniel
Secretary



THE WHITE HOUSE

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MRS. FORD

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON




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Dear Mrs Ford,

Thank you again for
making our meeting today such
a marvelous success. The
morning couldn't have come to
a more perfect conclusion, and our
phones have been ringing repeatedly
to tell us so. Your interest and
participation really gave them
encouragement to continue their
good efforts on behalf of all of
us.

Sincerely,
Pat Lusk

THE WHITE HOUSE



Mrs. Betty Ford

A Note of Thanks




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April 10, 1975

Mrs. Ford,

Just a little note to say--
thank you for being so nice!

Thank you so much for being
so kind to me when I visited
at your house in Palm Springs.
I enjoyed talking with you very
much. If there is ever anything
I can do for you please call.

Please stop in and visit our
office. Everyone would really
enjoy it.

Thanks again!

Kathy Gindler



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506



May 20, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford:

I wish to express my very sincere gratitude for the affection and attention which you showed to my niece Thuy during her visit to the White House. Thuy's parents and the rest of our family were certainly surprised to see that Thuy had become such a celebrity. But, more than that, the genuine warmth which you displayed has made all of them feel much more welcome and more confident that they are wanted here and can make it. Your actions literally erased from their minds, the indications they had seen on TV that Vietnamese were not welcome in America.

On behalf of my wife's family and the hundreds of other

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

Vietnamese whom I personally know, I wish to thank
you and your husband for the great strength and courage
you have shown in leading the country on this issue.

The history of this country clearly shows that it is moral
leadership that makes great presidents; and the President
has exhibited this type of leadership in meeting this problem.

Thank you, both.

Sincerely

Kenneth M. Quinn



Kenneth M. Quinn
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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Mrs. Ford

Thank
you

Thank
YOU

Dear Mrs. Ford,

6-23-75

It was such a pleasant surprise
to receive the beautiful corsage
on the occasion of my birthday, Friday.
It is always nice to be remembered
but especially an honor when it
comes from the First Lady.

Most sincerely,

Margaret Engleborn

B.F.



Mrs. Heinz H. Bender



My dear Mrs Ford

Welcome back home
with us again! I do hope
your holiday was joyous
and a restful change for
you.

Your most delightful
Christmas gift was most
gratefully received and
shall be worn and treasured
for many years to come. The
scarf is so pretty and a most
treasured personal gift. Thank
you so much. Sincerely,
Shirley Bender

January Second

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 9, 1974

Dear Mrs. Ford,

In these times that are full of emotion, words are difficult to find.

Please know that I am standing by to be of assistance to you and your staff during this time of transition. There is a loyal and able staff here that will be so glad to help in any way. I hope that you will feel free to call me at any time - the White House operators always know how to find me.

My prayers are with you and the Ford family. I am grateful that our country has such a fine, strong First Family.

With admiration,

Sincerely yours,

Lucy Winchester
Lucy Winchester



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 9th, 1974

Dear Mrs. Ford:

There are really no words to express my emotions on a day such as this as I know you can understand.

My thoughts and prayers also go out to you and I want you to know that I stand by in any way that I possibly can to help you and your staff during the transition period. Please don't hesitate to call me either at my office or at home - 232-2876.

May God bless and support you and your family during the difficult days ahead.

With respect and admiration,

Sincerely,

Helen McCain Smith

Helen McCain Smith
Press Secretary to
Mrs. Nixon

