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M



Dear

Thank you for your thoughtful remarks and request for my personal viewing and critique of manuscript.

Regretfully, I inform you that I am not in the position to comment upon any one particular manuscript. My schedule simply does not allow time for the proper review of the many pieces of work sent to me.

My best wishes to you for success in your endeavors and I appreciate your gracious invitation.

Sincerely



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 6, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to thank you for writing and sharing with her your views on the use of marijuana.

During one of Mrs. Ford's news interviews, she stated that her children probably have tried marijuana. Although present laws relating to the use and distribution of marijuana are receiving careful study, the realistic approach is to recognize that experimentation with the unusual is not uncommon at any age level.

The President and Mrs. Ford have always tried to understand the problems of youth, especially in today's society. Our First Family is a "close" family, bound by deep faith in God, love, respect for one another, discipline and candor. They also respect the opinions of others and appreciate your thoughtful comments.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your thoughts with us.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 8, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you for your kind letter expressing an interest in Steve Ford's middle name. We are always pleased to hear from fellow citizens.

Unfortunately, we do not have a genealogy of the Meigs family. However, we do know that when Mrs. Ford was in her early twenties, her mother married Arthur Meigs Godwin; Meigs being his mother's maiden name. Mrs. Ford was fond of her stepfather and so their third son was named Steven Meigs in his honor. We hope this information will be helpful to you.

The President and Mrs. Ford appreciate your taking the time to write and send their best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 2, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to thank you for expressing your thoughts regarding the President's Press Secretary appearing on the "Saturday Night" television program.

The President did not know in advance or endorse the contents of the program, and it was indeed unfortunate that the film clips of President Ford and the appearance of Mr. Nessen were associated with some of the distasteful skits.

You were kind to write, and the First Lady appreciates your taking the time to share your views with her.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford





O

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 14, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to thank you for your cordial letter offering assistance.

It is very heart warming to the President and Mrs. Ford to receive your best wishes as they face the challenges before them. They are most grateful for your kind offer.

President and Mrs. Ford send their best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 20, 1976

Dear ,

How thoughtful you were to share your original song with the Fords! They appreciate very much having the opportunity to see _____ and are grateful for this expression of your kindness and hopes for the future.

With warm wishes from the President and Mrs. Ford,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford



P



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you for your thoughtful letter requesting an item to use at your fund raising event. Mrs. Ford is always delighted to be of assistance in projects such as yours and is pleased to send you _____.

The President joins Mrs. Ford in sending warm regards and in wishing you much success in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 2, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to thank you for writing. She truly appreciated your friendly message and is glad to know that you are interested in being friends.

Nothing would please her more than to be able to respond to your request to be a pen pal. Unfortunately, there are so many young people who want to be friends with Mrs. Ford that she cannot single out a few people for special attention. We know you understand how busy the President's wife always is.

Mrs. Ford appreciates your thinking of her and wishes to convey her warm regards.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 13, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you very much for writing to Mrs. Ford to share your insight into the political situation today, as well as your thoughts on the best means of dealing with it. You were kind to give the First Lady the benefit of your views in the spirit of devotion to the welfare of our Nation.

We are taking the liberty of forwarding your letter to the proper person at the President Ford Committee who, we know, will respect your confidentiality, and appreciate your loyalty.

With the Fords' gratitude and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 20, 1976

Dear ,

How thoughtful you were to share your collection of original poetry with the Fords! They appreciate very much having the opportunity to read your meaningful words and are grateful to have this expression of your feelings.

With gratitude and warm wishes from the President and Mrs. Ford,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 6, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to thank you for your letter requesting a photograph. Although this particular one is not available, we are happy to enclose a substitute which we hope you might enjoy.

The President and Mrs. Ford send their best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford



Q



#102 REQUESTS FOR MATERIAL FROM THE
Q.E.II STATE DINNER

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 22, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you very much for writing to request
the State Dinner honoring
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal
Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

We are pleased to enclose _____ with
appreciation for your interest and with all
best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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1. recipes and a copy of the menu from
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3. the recipes from
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6. a copy of the entertainment program from
7. a photograph of
8. a press release about



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 10, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you very much for so kindly writing to express enjoyment of the State Dinner honoring Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and to request that occasion. It was a pleasure to learn that you shared that special evening with the President and Mrs. Ford.

We are happy to enclose the _____ you mentioned, with gratitude for your thoughtfulness and with all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 27, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you for writing to convey your esteem and affection for Mrs. Nancy Reagan.

Mrs. Ford, too, was disturbed by media accounts of events at the Republican National Convention which implied a lack of graciousness on her part regarding Mrs. Reagan.

You will be interested to know that these accounts, as well as certain published remarks attributed to Mrs. Ford, were inaccurate. The size of the Convention Hall prevented Mrs. Ford from being able to see Mrs. Reagan at the opposite end of the Hall, and it was impossible to be aware of the origin of the many spontaneous demonstrations during that highly emotional time. Because of this, unfortunately, the coverage was misleading.

Mrs. Ford has deep respect and admiration for Mrs. Reagan and regrets that a totally different impression resulted. You have Mrs. Ford's sincere appreciation for sharing your thoughts and her good wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 13, 1974

New York

Upwards four days for writing to convey your estimate and suggestion for
Mrs. Nancy Reagan.
Mr. Ford, too, was dismayed by the lack of courtesy of some of the
Reagan campaign delegation which included a group of broadcasters
new to her public speaking and Mrs. Reagan.

You might be interested to know that there was a
considerable public interest in Mrs. Ford's appearance at the convention
in New York. This was due to the opposition which presented itself
from certain delegates who were unhappy with the direction of the
Ford administration. They felt that she was not qualified to be a
part of the new leadership to be made available to the
country. However, they also appreciated the good will and the
enthusiasm of the delegates who supported her.

Mrs. Ford has just received my appointment (for Mr. Reagan) and
referred it to a friendly colleague whom I met yesterday. You may
recall a similar appointment for Mr. Ford's wife Nancy.
Very good memory.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth H. O'Malley
Director of Correspondence
(for Mrs. Ford)



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 26, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you for your letter requesting the recipe for _____. Although this particular one is not available, we are happy to enclose a substitute which we hope you might enjoy.

The President and Mrs. Ford send their best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 6, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford asked me to thank you for writing and to assure you that she is grateful for the confidence you have placed in her.

Although the First Lady very much appreciates your concern, she is unable to be of direct assistance in finding a solution to this problem. She has asked, however, that your letter be forwarded to the appropriate Government officials for consideration. I am sure you will be hearing from them soon.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 20, 1976

Dear ,

On _____ a referral was sent to you from Mrs. Ford's Correspondence. The incoming letter was from _____ at _____.

Could you please advise what action has been taken concerning this subject.

I will appreciate your attention to this matter.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

(Liz will not have to sign these.)



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 6, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to thank you for your recent request. She was pleased to know you wanted _____, which we are happy to enclose, with the hope you enjoy this memento.

The President and Mrs. Ford appreciate your friendship and send their warm regards.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford



S



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 28, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you for your thoughtful letter requesting an item to use at your fund raising event. Mrs. Ford is always delighted to be of assistance in projects such as yours and is pleased to send you a signature pen.

The President joins Mrs. Ford in sending warm regards and in wishing you much success in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 14, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to thank you for writing and telling her about your fund-raising drive. She very much appreciates your providing her with the opportunity to participate.

The First Family deeply regrets the necessity of a disappointing reply to requests like yours. However, the many similar letters that they receive from equally worthy organizations make it impossible for them to honor them all. Please be assured that this decision in no way reflects upon the merit of your program and accept our best wishes for the success of your efforts.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 9, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you for your thoughtful letter requesting an item to use at your fund raising event. Mrs. Ford is always delighted to be of assistance in projects such as yours and is pleased to send you a steel engraving of the White House. The President joins Mrs. Ford in sending warm regards and in wishing you much success in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford



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V

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 9, 1976

Dear ,

Your interest in President Ford's selection of his Vice Presidential running mate was greatly appreciated, and Mrs. Ford was pleased to share your recommendation with the President.

Now that Senator Dole has been chosen, Mrs. Ford welcomes this opportunity to thank you and to express her gratitude for your loyal participation. Your support means a great deal to the First Family, and they are hopeful that the endeavors of this Administration will continue to merit your backing.

With the President and Mrs. Ford's warm good wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 13, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to thank you for your letter telling her about your plans to visit Washington.

Nothing would please the President and Mrs. Ford more than to be able to greet you and have a pleasant visit. However, because their days are filled with official commitments, their answer must regrettably be one of disappointment.

Mrs. Ford deeply appreciates your kind thoughts in wanting to visit them, and she hopes you enjoy the tour of the White House and have a wonderful visit to our Nation's Capital. We hope the enclosed brochure will be helpful.

The President joins with Mrs. Ford in sending warm regards.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford



EMERALD P. FUND
ASSOCIATION

W

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 14, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you very much for your letter to Mrs. Ford expressing your desire to display an American flag.

Although flags at the White House are flown until they are no longer usable, you might like to contact your Representative in Congress about purchasing a flag which has been flown over the U. S. Capitol. Prices may vary from approximately \$5.16 for a 5x8 foot cotton flag to \$14.70 for a 5x8 foot nylon flag.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford





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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 27, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in writing to express concern regarding Mrs. Ford's recent remarks about X-rated movies.

We regret that Mrs. Ford's quip, which was made in jest, may have been misinterpreted, for she surely did not intend for it to be taken seriously.

You were kind to express your devotion to respected values and to share your thoughts in such a positive spirit.

With appreciation and all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

