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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 18, 1975

Attached is the picture taken in
Vail of Mrs. Masula Mannil presenting
to you the Indian rug. I do not know
the name of the gentleman. (After
checking with Wilma Sands, she said
she sent the rug to Camp David. After
checking with Marge Wicklein, she
said she sent the information to
Patrick Daly, State Department, and
he in turn forwarded it to the
Embassy for acknowledgement--This
is traditionally how they acknowledge
gifts from private foreign citizens.
However, if it is from a Head of State,
their gift unit acknowledges it.

When you have autographed the picture,
I will forward it to Patrick Daly
who will see that it gets to Mrs. Mannil.

Carolyn

I found that the tapestry was made by
Luis Montiel.



Please include both
and ask her to autograph.

Attached is the picture of Mrs. Hannah Munnell, sent to you the Indian rug. I do not know the name of the gentleman, after checking with William Sands, she sent the rug to Camp David, checking with George Wicks, and said she sent the information to Patrick Daily, State Department, and he in turn forwarded it to the Embassy for acknowledgment--This is traditionally how they acknowledge gifts from private foreign citizens. However, if it is from a head of state, their gift will acknowledge it.

When you have autographed the picture, I will forward it to Patrick Daily, who will see that it gets to Mrs. Munnell.

Carolyn

I found that the tapestry was made by
Lucas Mortel.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TRANSMITTAL SLIP

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DATE

May 29, 1975

TO

For the Attention of

Mrs. Carolyn K. Porembka East Wing#213

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The Office of Protocol

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☐ Transmit to:

(U. S. Agency)

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REFERENCE

Attached ARA-NC/V transmittal
slip.

ITEMS/REMARKS

Please see that this autographed
photograph reaches the proper office for
transmittal to the First Lady as requested.

Thank you.



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Patrick J. Daly:fec

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Protocol transmittal slip of April 7, 1975

ITEMS/REMARKS

Attached is a photograph of Mrs. Gerald Ford and Mrs. Masula Mannil (wife of a prominent Caracas businessman) which Mrs. Mannil has autographed at Mrs. Ford's request. The photo was taken at Vail, Colorado last New Year's and was sent via us to Mrs. Mannil via transmittal slip from the Office of Protocol (also attached). Would you see that the photo reaches Protocol and thence the White House.

Many thanks



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE TRANSMITTAL SLIP		CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED	
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1007 file
Caracas, April 16, 1975

Mrs. Masula Mannil
Calle Nuñez Ponte
Quinta Los Jaguares
Lomas del Mirador de Chuao
Caracas

Dear Mrs. Mannil:

I take pleasure in transmitting a letter to you from Mrs. Gerald Ford which encloses two photographs of you and the First Lady, one autographed by her, which I have just received from the Department of State. As you will note, Mrs. Ford asks if you would in turn autograph one of the pictures for her.

If I can assist you in returning to Mrs. Ford the photograph autographed by yourself, please do let me know.

Sincerely,



Diego C. Asencio
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Enclosure

1007
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May 12, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford:

Thank-you for sending me the photo taken in Tail. I am returning the autographed copy for you.

I spent Easter holidays skiing in Les Menuires, France, with our daughter who studies in Toulouse. The snow was good but it cannot be compared with Tail.

1975 has been a very busy year for us and last week was one of the busiest with the visit of the Shah of Iran and Farah Diba. I had a chance to speak to her a bit about Pre-Columbian Art and gave her two small clay figurines from Venezuela. I know that she is going to Washington after her visit in Mexico. You will find her a delightful person.

MASULA MANNIL

APARTADO 3948 - CARACAS - VENEZUELA





On May 27th there will be an exhibit of Luis Montiel's tapestries in New York at The Center of Inter-American Relations. Exson is sponsoring the show but as I have worked hard for it, I plan to go to New York for one week. I do hope it will be a great success.

We shall be going to Vail again this year for Christmas. We hope to see you again.

Fitzhugh and Ellen Scott are meeting us in N.Y. for Montiel's show and from there we shall go together to our farm in Costa Rica for a week.

My husband joins me in sending you and Mr. President our warm regards.

Sincerely,

Masula Mannil



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ITEM TRANSFER FORM

The item described below has been transferred from this file to:

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 Oversized Container
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 Ford Museum in Grand Rapids

Item: 1 black-and-white photograph of First Lady Betty Ford with Masula Mannil and an unidentified man (possibly Harry Mannil) mounted on a board. Photograph is inscribed to Mrs. Ford by Masula Mannil.

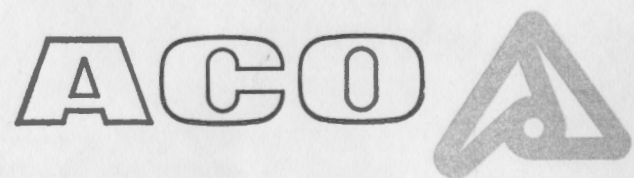
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With fond memories of Tail and Loper
That someday we may have the pleasure of
showing you Venezuela. Masula Mannil



Mrs. Betty Ford
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.





Luis Montiel, a Venezuelan indian of Guajira tribe, is a self-taught artist whose tapestries have received wide international acknowledgement in recent years. His works represent the best of Venezuelan handicrafts. His works have been exhibited in Washington (Pan American Union 1972) Museum of the Americas Madrid National Museum of San Jose Costa Rica 1972, Panama, Caracas, Curacao. In April 1975 an important exhibit will be presented in New York at the Cultural Center.

Felices Pascuas

Próspero Año

Nuevo



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A Venezuelan Tapestry for The
White House

