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Presidential
Personal

Thursday 5/8/75

4:10 Dorothy advises the President wants to keep the program of the 32nd Degree Banquet held at the Masonic Temple, April 26th, for his scrapbook.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

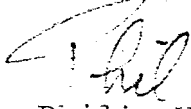
May 6, 1975

Dear Don:

Thank you very much for sending to me for the President a copy of the program describing the 32nd Degree Banquet held at the Masonic Temple in Detroit.

I know the President will be pleased at the designation, "The Gerald R. Ford Class."

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Donald S. Leonard
Presiding Judge
The Recorder's Court
The City of Detroit
1441 St. Antoine Street
Detroit, Michigan 48226



Leonard, Donald S.



DONALD S. LEONARD
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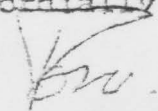
Mr. Phillip W. Buchen
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Phil:

In accordance with our phone conversation Monday, I am attaching a program of the 32nd Degree Banquet held at the Masonic Temple, April 26th, at which time Senator Robert Griffin was toastmaster.

I thought the President might like to see this inasmuch as the class was designated as "The Gerald R. Ford Class."

Cordially,


DONALD S. LEONARD
Presiding Judge

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April 26, 1975

ILL. . . KENNETH B. GREEN, 33[°]
Commander-in-Chief



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May 28, 1975

Gift

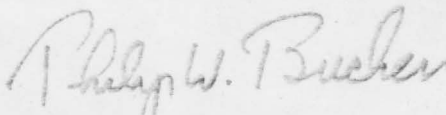
Dear Mr. Burch:

On behalf of the President, I thank you very much for the Russian-language Bibles and inscribed pens enclosed with your request that they be presented by U.S. astronauts to Soviet cosmonauts during the Apollo-Soyuz flight in July.

The deeply held religious convictions which prompt your generous gift are truly admirable, and I understand and sincerely appreciate your suggestion. Official participation by the Government in your request does raise certain legal questions under the First Amendment ban against the establishment of an official religion in the United States. In addition, as you may know, the official policy of the Soviet government is atheistic, and religious activity is not encouraged in the U.S.S.R. Due to the extensive publicity the first cooperative manned spaceflight will receive, Soviet officials might consider the presentation of religious material during the mission to be a public affront. Such a gift might then result in unintended harm to our improving relations with the Soviet Union.

I am sure that you realize the importance of reducing tensions between our nations and the benefits to world peace that our avoidance of confrontation brings, and I trust that you will agree with me that we must hold such fine gifts for presentations that are personal rather than governmental.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Edward C. Burch
3229 Hyman Place
New Orleans, Louisiana 70114

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 11, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN

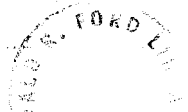
FROM: JACK MARSH

At a recent reception for former Members of Congress, one of the Members presented to me an electric pipe reamer. By way of inquiry to a tobacco shop, I have determined that the pipe reamer retails for about \$50.

I do not plan to accept this gift personally, but thought I would accept it as a gift of the office, which will remain in this office, or perhaps can be moved to another office on the premises.

I would appreciate your guidance on this.

Many thanks.



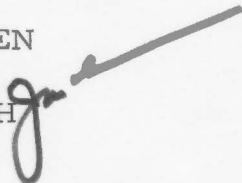
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 11, 1975

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WASHINGTON
June 18, 1975

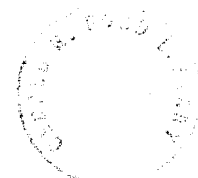
*Policy -
gifts*

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH
FROM: PHIL BUCHEN

P.W.B.

I see no problem in your retaining the two small trays that were given to you by a friend of long standing. The regulations governing the conduct of the White House staff permit the acceptance of gifts from close personal friends when it is clear that the personal relationship is the motivating factor, and the gift does not present the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Although there is no indication that the donor is a representative of a foreign government, even if that is the case, you are allowed to keep such foreign gifts, as long as they are valued at less than \$50 retail in the United States. The Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act of 1966, as amended, places the burden on the donee to determine the value of the gift. While I am, therefore, unable to officially determine this for you, my three "experts" in the outer office have informally advised me that this gift is under the limit.



Jack Marsh
received this
for a friend of
long-standing.

Don't know the
value.

Shall we have Barry
check it?

Yes.

warmest regards

AMELITO R. MUTUC
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 3, 1975

*For
Cite*

Dear Mr. Norris:

Your letter of May 20, 1975, regarding gifts given to members of the First Family during prior Administrations has been referred to me for response.

The use and disposition of such gifts are subject not only to the Constitution, but to the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act of 1966, as amended, and implementing regulations promulgated by the Department of State, 22 CFR, part 3.

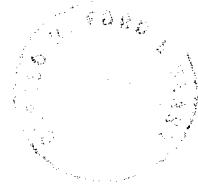
Your views on this subject have been noted.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. John Norris
104 Elm Avenue
Mt. Vernon, New York 10550



July 30, 1975

Pres. gifts

Dear Mr. Syntax:

On behalf of the President and Mrs. Ford, thank you very much for your thoughtful gift of the Presidential and First Lady's commemorative coin set and plaque.

We are pleased to accept this gift on behalf of the people of the United States for inclusion in a display now being planned as part of our Bicentennial celebration. It is the President's policy, however, to limit the acceptance of gifts, and it would be appreciated if you would limit your gifts to those two sets. I am sure that you understand the need for this policy.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Michael P. Syntax
4652 Warrensville Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44128

bcc: Milt Mitler

PWB:BNR:HPG:d1m



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR
JERRY JONES

THROUGH: PHIL BUCHEN *P.W.B.*

FROM: BARRY ROTH *BR*

SUBJECT: White House Authorization Bill

As we discussed, the inclusion of language in the proposed White House Authorization Bill to provide for the acceptance of gifts and the use of voluntary services will eliminate our present problem of augmentation of appropriations. In your forthcoming discussions with the Senate staff regarding this bill, I believe that you will be able to get some feel for whether seeking this authority will provoke serious opposition. The following language would accomplish this purpose:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President [and Vice President] may receive and use gifts of money or services donated by others, if such gifts or services are donated without restriction or condition other than that they be used in furtherance of the duties and functions of the White House Office [and the Office of the Vice President].

For your discussions, you may wish to consider the following points:

(1) This authority is not unusual and is necessary in order to permit the use of volunteers or reimbursement of the government for travel costs from speaking to private groups. Various agencies, including the Department of State and ARBA now have similar authority.

(2) This authority allows official activities to be undertaken without cost to the taxpayer.

(3) The White House is acutely concerned with any suggestions of a conflict of interest, and that problem will be carefully considered prior to the acceptance of any gifts. The adoption of this authority does not represent in any way a lessening of this concern.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 30, 1975

*President
Gerald R. Ford
Library*

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Michael P. Syntax
4652 Warrensville Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44128

cc: M.H. Moller plus gifts



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January 30, 1975

Mr. Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Buchen:

First let me thank you for the photographs of our President and First Lady requested through the Honorable William E. Minshall. Your instructions and guide lines for their usage are very well understood and we will abide by these rules which are most reasonable.

Please accept the enclosed Presidential and First Lady pure silver set to pass on to the President. As soon as we have the individual pieces as we described to Congressman Minshall we shall send a number of these to you and the President.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Syntax
Michael P. Syntax

MPS:ds
Encl: 1



Dec. 31, 1974

*Michael
Presidential
Gift*

To: Brenda
From: Eva

Since I haven't been able to find anyone who knows where the incoming letter is and what particular type of pictures Cong. Minshall wanted for Michael Syntax, I thought it best to return the signed letter to you to send out (((when the incoming is located))). If you are unable to get the pictures, I will get them -- but just need to know what type they want.

Thanks.



December 30, 1974

Dear Mr. Minshall:

On behalf of President and Mrs. Ford, I am pleased to provide the photographs you requested for Mr. Michael P. Syntax of Cleveland, Ohio.

Inasmuch as these photographs are considered to be within the public domain, any person is free to use them in any way that does not imply the personal approval, endorsement or involvement of the President himself. While Mr. Syntax may therefore utilize them in connection with the Presidential and First Lady's Medal series, this is not in any way intended to be an endorsement by the President of this enterprise. I trust that you will understand the basis for the position we must take.

Sincerely,

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Philip W. Buchan
Counsel to the President

The Honorable William E. Minshall
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Enclosures

bcc: Max Friedersdorf
Atten: Eloise Frayer



December 10, 1974

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your December 3 letter on behalf of Mr. Michael P. Syntax of Cleveland, Ohio, who has contacted you regarding photographs of the President and the First Lady to be included in the Presidential and First Ladies Medal produced by World Mint, Inc.

I will be pleased to ask that prompt consideration be given to this request. You should hear further at an early date.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President

The Honorable William E. Minshall
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to Barry Roth for DIRECT REPLY - ASAP to the
.Congressman. Please furnish this office with copy of response.

WET:EF:VO:jlc



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

December 3, 1974

Mr. William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

Enclosed is a request from Michael P. Syntax for photos of the President and Mrs. Ford. Would greatly appreciate any assistance you can give me in this matter.

Best regards,

Sincerely yours,



William E. Minshall
M. C.

WEM:pv



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New Address: 4652 Warrensville Road
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New Phone: 662-2282 - 83

November 27, 1974

Congressman William E. Minshall
2243 Rayburn Congressional House Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

DEC 2 1974

Dear Bill:

In contacting your office here in Cleveland, I was told to write you in Washington regarding any request.

A couple of weeks ago I received from the Library of Congress 37 photos of our U.S. presidents and 52 photos of first ladies and White House hostesses. I sent them a check of \$232.50 to cover the cost of this order. They informed me, that they did not have a photo of President Gerald R. Ford and his wife Betty and this is my reason for writing to you, knowing that you are a very dear friend of the president.

I would like to have a photo of each to complete our Bicentennial design. I am enclosing our designs as they appear now with President George Washington and his wife Martha, but we must make the changes to bring it up to date. Therefore I must have the photos 8"x10" or 5"x7" as soon as possible.

I would be more than willing to pay for such photos.

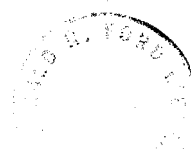
Bill, my wife a Republican committeewoman and myself thank you for the excellent representation of our district and the cooperation you gave me as a member of the school board and your retirement will be felt by many citizens of Maple Heights.

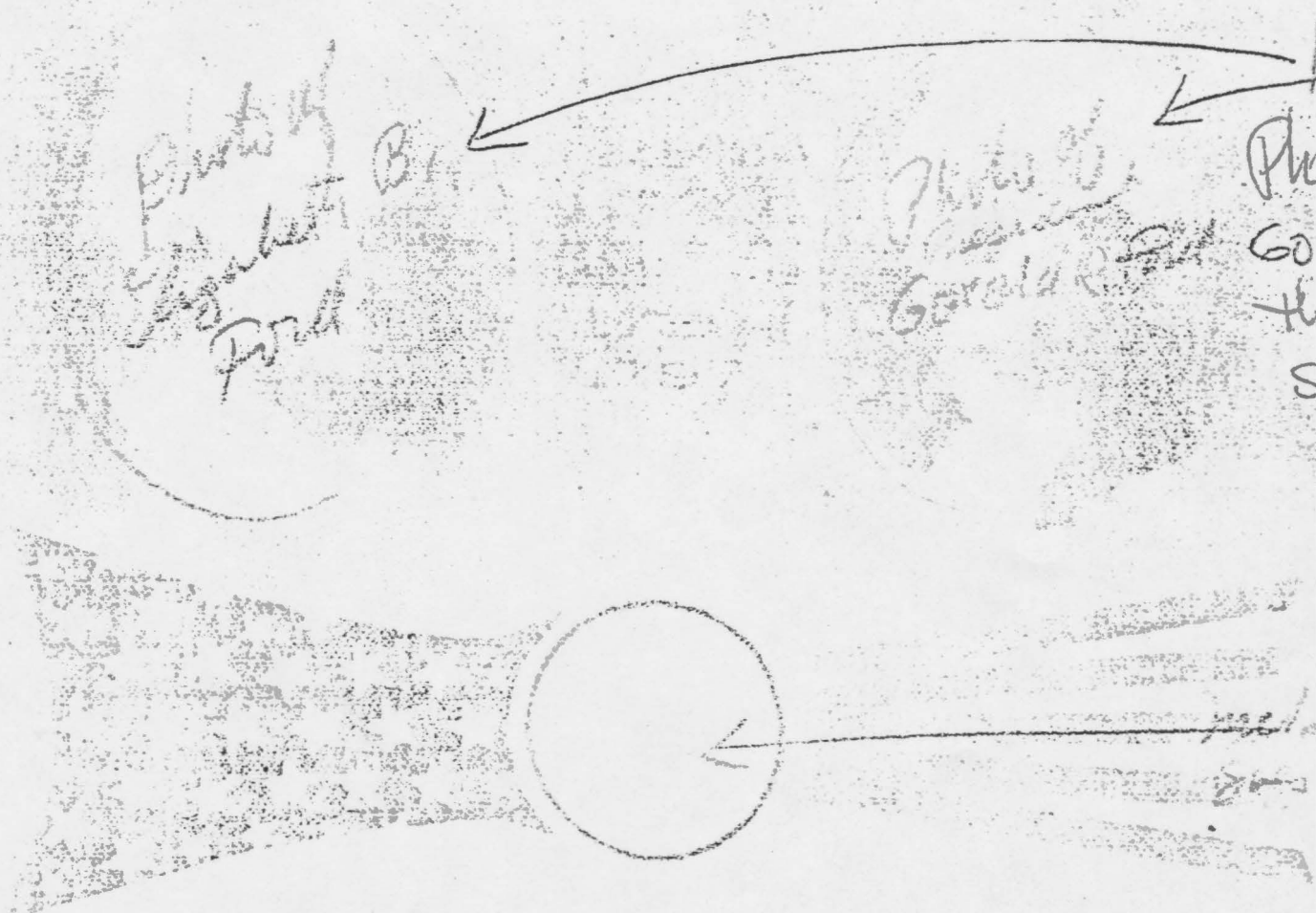
Your immediate attention to my request would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Syntax
Michael P. Syntax

MPS:ds
Encl: 2





PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON & FIRST LADY MARTHA

George Washington, the first President and a father of the nation, spent a lifetime in the service of America. Leader of the Continental Army during the Revolution, he was courageous, serious, and dedicated to the cause of the newly chosen President. He was elected in 1789 and moved to the balcony of Federal Hall in New York City on September 17, 1789.

It would be pleasant to say that his administration was trouble-free, but during his Presidential administration, as a result of vast and conflicting political parties bitterly opposed to each other, the nation was the object of many a venomous attack.

He was married in 1759 to Mrs. Martha Dandridge Custis, a beautiful young widow. They had no children, but Mrs. Custis had a son, John Parke Custis, and a daughter, Polly Custis. His daughter died in youth, unmarried, and Mrs. Custis and her son were married, but he and his wife died young. Washington brought them back to Mount Vernon and adopted them as his own. Washington and his wife Martha were much attached to each other. A geranium and a rose have been named for Martha Washington. Their coffins rest side by side at Mount Vernon.

★ Presidents of the ★
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The Great Seal as a representation of the United States was adopted by Congress on September 17, 1782, and is the symbol of the United States. The seal is a circular emblem with an eagle with wings spread, holding an olive branch and arrows. A shield is on the eagle's chest, and a constellation of stars is above its head.

THE LIBERTY BELL

The Liberty Bell, cast in 1752, is a symbol of freedom. It was first rung on September 17, 1776, to announce the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The bell was cracked in 1835 and repaired, but the crack remained. It was rung for the first time since 1862 on the occasion of the Emancipation Proclamation.

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August 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MARGE WICKLEIN

FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN

**Attached are some materials which
were delivered to me personally by
Dan Dayton for the President.**



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 25, 1975

*Policy
Gifts*

Dear Dan:

With the thought that your travels may be over and that you are back in Florida, I do want to acknowledge and thank you for delivering at the White House the framed copy of the Yale Banner of October 3, 1863, which includes the D. K. E. Coat-of-Arms and a list of the Yale Chapter's Membership at that early date in the fraternity's history; also the prints of the Shant in Ann Arbor and the copy of the old newspaper picture showing the President and Herm Everhardus in the game in 1933 when the University of Michigan played Michigan State.

The President has had a very busy schedule ever since you were here but I did get a chance to mention your visit and the materials you brought. He was delighted to hear that you had been here.

Very warmest regards to you and Beth and Lisa.

Sincerely,

Phil

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Daniel D. Dayton
P. O. Box 3008
Tequesta, Florida 33458



P Waylon
Daniel

Wednesday 7/23/75

Meeting
7/23/75
2:00 p.m.

11:15 I have cleared Daniel Dayton, Beth and Lisa to come
in this afternoon at 2 o'clock.



10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 23

Mr. Daniel Dayton called from the area of Burning Tree to see if he and his wife and daughter could come in to see you for a few minutes today and to bring some pictures to you and the President.

We received the attached letter from him today.

469-9392

Mr. Daniel Dayton
Mrs. Beth Dayton
Ms. Lisa Dayton



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*Advise
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D. and Dayton
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 23, 1975

NOTE FOR EVE DAUGHTREY

Eve -

Did this man get in touch with Mr. Buchen TODAY? Note he said he would be in Washington today and would hope that perhaps MR. Buchen could accept this Unfortunately, this just came to me in the Noon mail folder

Thanks.

Mary
Mary R





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July 18, 1975

MAILING ADDRESS
POST OFFICE Box 3008
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cc Mr. Phil Buchen

The Honorable
Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Gerry:

Time does fly! I have owed you a letter since yours of May 17, 1974, when you were V.P. I heard from Milton Kemnitz, who reminded me that the original of the Shant was purchased when I was Alumni Advisor, and was lost in the fire^c 1912.

I will be in Washington on the 23rd of July. If I cannot see you, I would like to deliver to the White House something that I believe should be yours. Please note the attached copy of a photograph. I was presented on September 7, 1963, on behalf of the D.K.E. Fraternity, a copy of The Yale Banner of October 3, 1863. This was at the 100th Anniversary Banquet of Chi Psi Fraternity.

This beautiful framed MEMORABILIA rested in the D.K.E. office of The Yale Club of New York. A few years later I discovered it in a closet at the D.K.E. Club of New York, and they moved to another location - this was when I found it in the closet. I brought it back to Florida in November 1974. It is so fragile that I decided it was best to deliver it to the White House by hand. You will note the D.K.E. Coat-of-Arms and a list of the Membership at that time on the front page. Is is most significant that you were a D.K.E. at the University of Michigan and a Yale law grad.

If you would not be in the White House on the occasion of my visit to Washington, possibly Phil Buchen will be there, and he could accept this Framed Beauty for you. I am giving Phil a copy of this letter.

I have some copies of the Shant for you and Phil also, an action picture of you and Herm Everhardus from an old newspaper clipping - UM versus Michigan State 1933. You will be amused by this.

If you are available for 5 minutes - in your busy schedule -

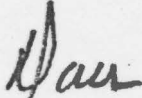
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July 18, 1975

it would be a great pleasure to see you again.

I hope Bastille Day was a Happy Birthday for you. God bless you for helping all of us out of a terrible mess. If I can help in the '76 Campaign in Florida, call on me please.

Always sincerely,



Daniel D. Dayton

DDD:mov



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 25, 1975

*Polycy —
President*

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Dear Mr. Bright:

This is in response to your letter of August 15, 1975, requesting permission to refer, in an advertisement by the Stieff Company, to the presentation to President Ford, of a pair of silver reproductions of Colonel George Armistead's cup.

For reasons that I trust you will understand, it is not considered to be appropriate for the President to endorse a particular commercial product or company, or to take any action which could be construed as such an endorsement. Therefore, we request that no advertisement shall refer to the President's acceptance of these cups on behalf of the American people.

Your cooperation in this matter is most appreciated. With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. J. Paul Bright, Jr.
Ober, Grimes & Shriver
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Baltimore, Maryland 21202



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August 15, 1975

Mr. Philip Bucher
Counselor to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

Re: The Stieff Company

Dear Mr. Bucher:

I represent The Stieff Company which manufactured and presented to President Ford at the July 4 celebration at Fort McHenry a pair of sterling silver reproductions of Colonel George Armistead's cup.

The Stieff Company and its advertising agency wish to refer to the presentation of these cups to President Ford in a proposed Stieff advertisement relating to the Armistead cup. The advertising agency, Richardson, Myers & Donofrio, Inc., called the press relations office at the White House about this matter and was advised that counsel for The Stieff Company should submit this request to President Ford's legal counsel.

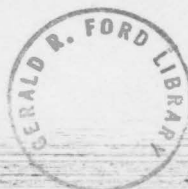
I am enclosing two sets of copy of the proposed advertisement, along with the layouts, for your consideration. The reference to the presentation to President Ford has been marked in yellow so that you may readily identify it.

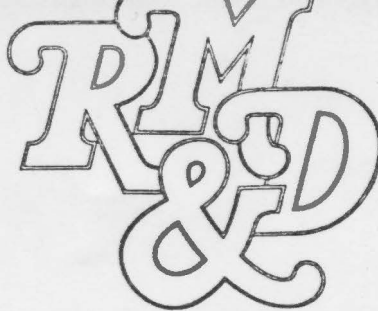
We respectfully request permission to use this advertisement in the form submitted to you herewith. We would appreciate hearing from you just as soon as you can conveniently review this matter.

Sincerely,

J. Paul Bright, Jr.
J. Paul Bright, Jr.

JPBJr/amh
Enclosures





Copy

Client The Stieff Company

Date 7/25/75

Job "McHenry"

Number 4364

JULY 4, 1975
THE FORT McHENRY PUNCH CUP
MAKES HISTORY. AGAIN.

In 1814, Colonel George Armistead, having successfully defended Fort McHenry against the British (and incidently inspiring Francis Scott Key to pen the Star Spangled Banner) was rewarded with a silver punch set by the grateful citizens of Baltimore.

On July 4, 1975, at the inaugural celebration of the Bicentennial Year at Fort McHenry, ^{PIAST} President Gerald R. Ford was presented a handsome pair of sterling silver ~~limited~~ edition reproductions of Armistead's cup. The originals are in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian Institution which has authorized this offering. A pewter reproduction should be in yours. 9 Oz. capacity. Available in bright, antique or satin finish at better stores everywhere. \$16.50. The Stieff Company, 800 Wyman Park Drive, Baltimore, Maryland, 21211.

Part of the Smithsonian Series by Stieff.



July 4, 1975: The Fort McHenry Punch Cup makes history. Again.



This is a historical document, a punch cup, which was used by the British during the Battle of Fort M'Henry in 1814. The cup is made of wood and is decorated with a design. It is a part of the Smithsonian Series by Stief.

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Part of the Smithsonian Series by **Stief**



Gifts

Thursday 9/11/75

2:35 David Macdonald said Secretary Simon had talked with you yesterday about a proposed gift for Larry Buendorf, the man who grabbed the pistol. Apparently there is a question of the legality of the gift to that individual. Indicated you were going to have it checked.

They have checked a little -- and he said it appears that Title 18, Section 209, might prohibit the receipt of the gift in question (looks like the most scary provision).



*President
Gifts*

September 19, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MARGE WICKLEIN
FROM: PHIL BUCHEN

Attached is a special Michigan bicentennial license plate stamped "GRF 76", which was delivered to me personally for the President.

Attached is the exchange of correspondence -- for background.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Ballice,
Tony*

September 8, 1975

Dear Tony:

The President was very pleased with the special Michigan bicentennial license plate stamped "GRF 76" and he asked me to thank you very much for bringing it to Washington for him.

The President sent a personal letter to Perry Johnson, Director of the Michigan Department of Correction, expressing his thanks to him, as well as to you, Warden Charles Egger, Warden Dale Foltz, and the others involved in this project.

Enclosed are photographs for you and the Nolans and I send extra copies that have been cleared through the Press Office for use in your prison publication but not for use in any other publica-
tion.

Thanks again for all your efforts.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Tony Balice
419 Baldie
Ionia, Michigan

Enclosure



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Eva:

Enclosed is a print for each of the Nolans and the Balaces, both of the group situation and a close-up of the plate itself.

I've also enclosed copies of each for use in the prison newsletter that they mentioned. These pictures have been cleared through the press office for that use. Any wider release would also have to be cleared through Larry Speakes in the press office.

There are also a couple of pictures of Mr. Buchen enclosed. We received a request from your office the other day for pictures of him. But by the time the request got to me, it was rather vague, so I'm not sure these fill the bill. Pictures of Mr. Buchen alone with the President are kind of scarce and most of them that I found were not as flattering to one party or the other as I would hope. If these won't fill the bill, let me know and I'll either dig a little more or perhaps we can shoot something to suit the purpose.

Candra Fiser
Photographic Office





GERALD R. FORD LIBRARY



MICHIGAN BICENTENNIAL PLATE
PRESENTED TO
PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD



August 26, 1975

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Upon returning from my recent travels in the West and Midwest, I was gratified to find awaiting me a special Michigan bicentennial license plate stamped "GRF 76". It is indeed very colorful and handsome, and I greatly appreciate the thought and care which has gone into designing, making, and mounting this plate.

I understand that the plate was stamped at Jackson Prison and was mounted at Ionia Reformatory. My sincere thanks go to you, to Warden Charles Egglar, Warden Dale Foltz, Tony Balice, and to the others involved who had a part in this project. I am especially delighted to be honored in this way by people from my home state, Michigan.

Sincerely,

15/ GRF

Mr. Perry Johnson
Director
Michigan Department of Correction
Stevens T. Mason Building
Lansing, Michigan 48913

GRFord:PW Buchen:ed





Ballice
Tony

Intrastate Inns OF FALLS CHURCH

6111 ARLINGTON BLVD., RT. 50 • FALLS CHURCH, VA. 22044
AT SEVEN CORNERS SHOPPING CENTER

Phone (703) 534-9100

Dear Mr President: *8/22*

Sorry we missed you.

We enjoyed Washington very much.

Mr Bucken + Staff will very

Cordials.

*God Bless You +
the family.*

Tony Balice





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To PERRY JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

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373 8281

MICHIGAN DEPT CORRECTION
STEVENS T. MASON BLDG (3D FLOOR)
LANSING MICH. 48913

PLATE STAMPED AT -
JACKSON PRISON. JACKSON MICH.
WARDEN CHARLES EGGELER

MOUNTED AT - IONIA REFORMATORY
IONIA MICH.

WARDEN DALE FOLTZ



STATE OF MICHIGAN



WILLIAM G. MILLIKEN, GOVERNOR

Ballice
Tony

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PERRY JOHNSON, Director

MAIL REPLIES TO:
BUREAU OF FIELD SERVICES
Box 212B
Station A
Lansing, Michigan 48913

August 29, 1975

Mr. Philip Buchen
The White House
Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Buchen:

Just a line to thank you for the wonderful treatment accorded June and I last Friday at the White House.

We enjoyed our stay in Washington very much. The White House tour, pictures and etc. was the crowning event. I was sorry I couldn't see the President but feel that I was very lucky to even get there. Without your help we would have never made it.

Please give my regards to the President.

Again many thanks and our best wishes for your continued success.

God Bless You,

Tony Balice



Balice, Anthony

Monday 8/4/75

W. H. Tour
8/22/75
9:15 a.m.

10:05 I called Mrs. Tony Balice at home to give them the time and date of the White House Tour at 9:15 a.m. on Friday 8/22 and to let them know Mike Farrell would be writing to them and sending their tour tickets.



July 31, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mike Farrell
FROM: Eva Daughtrey

You so kindly arranged for a White House
Tour at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, August 22
for Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Balice and
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Nolan.

For your information, the address for
Mr. and Mrs. Balice is 419 Baldie Street,
Ionia, Michigan 48846.

Thanks very much.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Ballice!
Tony

July 17, 1975

Dear Tony:

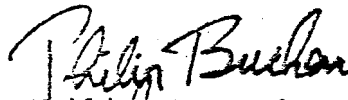
Thank you very much for your letter advising that you and three others are planning to come to Washington the second or third week in August.

I am sure it will be possible to arrange a special White House tour for you and your group. It may be more difficult to arrange for you to meet with the President because after his contemplated trip to Europe starting at the end of July, he will shortly after he returns to Washington, leave for Vail, Colorado and a much needed vacation. Even if you should arrive here before August 10, you would probably find that the President's schedule for the few days he will be in Washington is too crowded to allow a visit, even though I know he would welcome seeing you.

On the matter of contributing to the President a license plate, I regretfully must suggest that this would not be appropriate. As a general policy, we discourage the offering of gifts to the President.

When you are here I will be pleased to have you stop by my office for a brief chat.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Tony Balice
419 Baldie Street
Ionia, Michigan 48846.



Ballice
Anthony

October 7, 1974

Dear Tony:

Your letter and the enclosed letter to the President were most welcome. Your words are the warmest expression of support and encouragement for our President that I have seen. How kind of you to take time to write.

I will pass along your message to President Ford at the first appropriate moment. Your prayers are deeply appreciated.

Most sincerely yours,

Phillip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Anthony Balice
419 Baldie
Ionia, Michigan 48846



Dear Mr. Buchen:

I realize that you are very, very busy but there is no other person that I know that could help me.

There are 4 of us who are planning to come to W.C. the 2nd or 3d week in August. I was wondering if you could arrange for us to tour the White House & possibly see the President for a minute. As I told you in a previous letter I have



Maintained my friendship
with him thru his visits
to our city & thru correspondence.
In fact he attended our 25th
Wedding Anniversary.

As I said I realize
that you have many important
things to do & my asking
is really an imposition on
my part but it is worth
a try.

Anything you can do
would be greatly appreciated.

By the way, I am now
searching for the Michigan
Dept of Corrections & if possible



would like to have the
President one of Michigan
textured license plates. It
would be red, white, blue
with the name Ford on it.
Properly engraved of course. If
this is not permissible I
understand.

Thanks for your time —
Anything would be greatly
appreciated.

My best wishes
Belice
Tony Bobis
419 Baldie St
Lonic Mich.
48842



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 23, 1975

*True
copy*

Dear Mr. Robling:

In behalf of President Ford, thank you very much for your letter of September 5, 1975, requesting permission to dedicate the 1976 edition of Encyclopaedia Britannica to the President.

Your letter indicates that this continues a tradition begun by President Taft in 1910. On the basis of this tradition, we are pleased to respond favorably to your request.

Your inquiry is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. John S. Robling
Vice President
Encyclopaedia Britannica
425 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 25, 1975

Dear Pat:

To rescue you from the awful plight of having the wrong celebrity golf ball, I am enclosing, under separate cover, a new one for you, but also returning the old one for whatever disposition you want to make of it.

I hope you had a good time in Hawaii, and I appreciate your warm comments about the First Lady and your reassuring words to Bunny and me.

Warmest regards, as ever.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Pat Ratterman, S.J.
Oakwood Apartments, 22
1248 Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road
Sunnyvale, California 94087



October 3, 1975

*Pres.
(Highs)*

Dear Mr. Donzis:

In behalf of the President, thank you very much for your generous offer which Congressman Bill Archer has brought to our attention concerning your desire to donate a platform tennis court to the President and the people of the United States.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness. It is the President's policy to limit the acceptance of gifts. For this reason, we are unable to respond favorably to your request. However, this gift would be well received at one of our Veterans Hospitals. If you wish to explore this further, please contact the Honorable Richard Roudebush, Administrator, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C. 20420. He looks forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Phillip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Byron A. Donzis, President
International Platform Tennis Corporation, Inc.
24 Lana Lane
Houston, Texas 77277

bcc: Tom Loeffler
Congressman Bill Archer
David Lissy

BWBLBNR:dlm



*Pres
Gifts*

9/29/75

To: Nancy Dinso

From: Eva Daughtrey

Copy of the letter from
Cong. Bill Archer --
as requested.



*Archer,
Cong Tom Barry has
original*

September 24, 1975

*cy also
in
Pres - Gifts*

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your courtesy in forwarding to the President the letter to him from Mr. Byron A. Donzis offering the gift of a platform tennis court to the White House.

I will be pleased to call Mr. Donzis' letter to the President's attention at the earliest opportunity.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Vernon C. Loen
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Bill Archer
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

~~cc:~~ w/incoming to Philip Buchen, for Direct Reply to Mr. Donzis with copy of Mr. Archer and this office please.

VCL:EF:VO:vo



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

SEP 24 1975

September 19, 1975

Dear Mr. President:

I am delighted to send to you the enclosed letter from Mr. Byron A. Donzis of Houston.

Hopefully, you will be able to accept his offer. I would appreciate a response as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Bill Archer, M.C.

The Honorable Gerald Ford
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

September 15, 1975



**International
Platform Tennis
Corporation, Inc.**

24 Lana Lane | Houston, Texas 77277
Telephone: 713 626-0657

The Honorable Gerald Ford
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I believe the Bi-Centennial year gives us a unique opportunity to publicly recognize a truly American game. As president of the International Platform Tennis Association, I would like to donate to you and to the people of the United States a platform tennis court to be erected at the White House or any other designated area totally free of charge.

Platform tennis, an internationally recognized American game, was invented by two gentlemen in Scarsdale, New York in 1928. By 1935 a standard type construction was developed, and in 1950 the Scarsdale invention was officially designated as "Platform Paddle Tennis."

Mr. President, there are approximately 350,000 platform tennis players in America including some of our most distinguished national leaders. (Secretary Simon has a court at home and is an avid player. There are three courts at the Congressional Country Club in Washington, and there is a court at the American Embassy in Moscow). The rapid growth in popularity of the game is due in part to the fact that it can be played year-round and in all types of weather, and the game can be learned and played well by all age groups in a very short period of time.

Your recognition of this exciting American game would be appreciated not only by our association, but also by the hundreds of thousands of platform tennis players in the United States today.

Sincerely,

Byron A. Donzis
(President)

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