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*President's  
birthday  
Party*

11:20 a.m.

Monday, July 14

Mike Farrell's office called to invite the Counsel's staff to the President's surprise birthday party. We should plan to arrive in the East Room before 4:30 p.m. today. The party will be from 4-6 p.m.



RELEASED

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*Pres.  
(personal)*

July 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHILIP BUCHEN  
FROM: BOB MEAD *[Signature]*  
SUBJECT: FLIP WILSON

Flip Wilson will be in Washington on Monday, July 14. He has requested our Navy Film Crew provide him with the footage of his visit here at the White House with the President, as well as their coverage at D.C. Village with the President and Mrs. Ford. His main interest in having the film is for possible inclusion in one of his upcoming network specials.

It is my feeling, at this time, that we should rule against the President's appearing on a comedy show. However, it is my understanding that under the Freedom of Information Act, if he wants to purchase this footage, it must be made available.

May I have your thoughts on the television aspect?

Thank you.

PS The White House visit is in connection with a "surprise" birthday party for the President -- hopefully, his visit will remain a "secret".



*Called Miss Collins &  
advised that Navy should  
handle matter with Wilson  
re D.C. Village visit but  
that under no circumstances  
should White House filming  
be regarded as available for purchase.*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*file*

July 25, 1975

To: Dorothy


From: Eva

Mr. Buchen asked if you would show these to the President at a convenient time -- in case Judge McAllister has not already written to him in the same vein.

Mr. Buchen will acknowledge and I will send you a copy when he does.

August 5

Eva,

The President saw this correspondence this morning. He smiled and said "very interesting."

Dorothy



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July 21, 1975

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Mr. Philip W. Buchen  
White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Phil:

I certainly enjoyed seeing you at the Judicial Conference at Mackinac, and the visit of the President and his staff was certainly the high point of the Conference for Becky and myself. After the President's speech, Judge McAllister suggested to Jim Markle from Detroit that if he continued to talk in the same vein, he was going to steal alot of Democratic votes. I then wrote to Judge McAllister informing him of this comment that I received from Jim. I then received this three-page letter from the Judge in response.

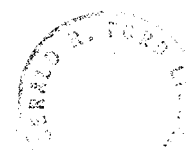
Though I am confident that Judge McAllister has already written to the President regarding his kind remarks, I thought perhaps you would like to see the very kind comments the Judge made about the President in a personal letter to me.

My best personal regards.

Sincerely,



Wallson G. Knack



WGK/jlw  
Enclosure

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

CHAMBERS OF  
THOMAS F. McALLISTER  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. 49502

July 17, 1975

Dear Wally,

Dorothy and I have always enjoyed our companionship with Becky and you, and I am pleased that I had the opportunity of appointing you as my delegate to the Annual Judicial Conference.

The President has always gone out of his way to do favors for me which I never requested. Some years ago the French Government made me a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor and a dispatch from the AP to this effect appeared in The Press. Some weeks later, John Haddock (the second President of The French Society of Michigan) saw me on the street and asked my why I was not wearing my Legion of Honor. I replied that I would never have that good fortune because of the fact that, under the Constitution, no federal official could accept any emoluments, or honors, from a foreign country without an Act of Congress authorizing him to do so. John, who was not in politics, said that he knew Jerry Ford and that he was going to see him about it.

The next thing I heard was that Congressman Ford had introduced a Bill in Congress authorizing me to accept the Legion of Honor. I had never discussed the matter with him and wrote him a note thanking him for his kindness. I had no idea that the Bill would pass the House and the Senate as I had never heard of a federal judge being permitted by Congress to wear a foreign decoration. However, Congressman Ford saw that it was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and prevailed upon the Committee to approve the Bill by

unanimous action. He then prevailed upon Congress to pass the Bill unanimously. Not only that, but he managed to have the Bill introduced in the Senate referred to the Foreign Relations Committee, which approved it and, through his efforts, saw that it was unanimously passed by the Senate.

At that time I was in Paris and he sent a cable to me informing me of the favorable Senate action. He then got in touch with Dave Kendall, who was Counsel to the President, to make sure that President Eisenhower would not say: "What is this foreign government doing - giving a medal to a federal judge?" and, possibly, refuse to sign. Both Dave and Congressman Ford told the President that they were vitally interested and personally concerned in the matter, with the result that the President signed the Bill.

I had never asked Congressman Ford to take any of these actions. He did it purely out of the generosity of his spirit and he is the kind of man that would never consider, because of this immense favor to me, that I was under any obligation to support him or his ideas in any way and, certainly, I feel under no obligation to repay him except by my high regard and gratitude that I have such a friend. I think it remarkable that he did all of these things for me, knowing that I had been the Democratic nominee for Congress in 1934 and 1936; that I had been elected to the Supreme Court of Michigan on the Democratic ticket in 1937, and that President Roosevelt had appointed me to the United States Court of Appeals in 1941, but his innate qualities are kindness and generosity and not a day passes that I do not think of him as one of the most admirable and generous men I have known.



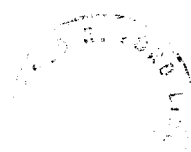
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I deeply appreciated your letter and enjoyed the pleasant dinner with Becky and you, and the Tullys as the most pleasing event of the Conference.

Most sincerely yours,

*J. Orr*

Mr. Wallson G. Knack  
c/o Warner, Norcross & Judd  
One Vandenberg Center  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Eva -

Would you ask Mr. Buchen  
if the President plays  
chess?

Thank  
Dottie

7/30/75

Dottie -

Mr. Buchen thinks  
the President doesn't  
play chess - he's  
never known him to  
do so.

Eva



## The Two Messrs. Ford

Repealing the Federal Government in all fields except national defense seems to be the platform on which President Ford has decided to run next year. His pledge to an audience of manufacturers in Chicago yesterday was that he would "get the Federal Government out of your business, out of your lives, out of your pockets and out of your hair."

What this do-nothingism means was indicated more explicitly in Mr. Ford's address to the American Legion last week—one in which he did a poor job of reconciling his roles as a statesman shaping global policy and as a politician appealing for 1976 votes. He used the occasion to put pressure on the Soviet Union to be more responsive in efforts to conclude the strategic arms limitations negotiations; at the same time, he made a blatantly political appeal to the veterans by placing military preparedness above all domestic concerns.

It distorts the country's goals and the people's interests to suggest that social programs for the poor and disadvantaged must be sacrificed if the United States is to maintain adequate military strength. That distortion is compounded when the President calls protection against foreign attack "the most important social obligation of Government," as if such protection necessitated jettisoning pressing domestic concerns.

Since the present team of White House publicists has labored to project Mr. Ford in Harry S. Truman's image, it is pertinent to recall that, in the midst of the 1948 election campaign, the late President told another audience in Middle-America: "National defense begins at home. It begins with the things that make life worth while for the average industrial worker, for the average farmer, for the average small businessman." The Republican leadership, Mr. Truman then charged, "may understand munitions contracts on a cost-plus basis, but they don't understand human rights on a man-plus basis."

Precisely such lack of understanding appears to blind Mr. Ford to a recognition that his failure to comprehend the indivisible nature of the nation's foreign and domestic strength threatens ultimately to create serious weaknesses on both fronts.

The legionnaires' applause of the President's pledge of more billions for the military cannot render less real and alarming the Administration's neglect of social obligations, particularly the threatened economic collapse of the nation's urban centers. The strike difficulties that rocked San Francisco last week should help convince even the most myopic among Mr. Ford's domestic advisers that New York City's fiscal crisis, is not just some readily ignored East Coast aberration, but rather the aggravated symptom of a festering nationwide malaise. Preoccupation with outer defenses cannot justify neglect of the inner cities.

That makes extremely disconcerting the prospect of a Presidential campaign scenario that exploits foreign imperatives as an excuse to ignore domestic needs. Once again, Mr. Ford's reliance on a Trumanesque appeal to the voters makes it appropriate to cite the late President's credo of national defense as expressed at the height of the cold war. In 1950, Mr. Truman said: "We're vigorously pressing domestic programs to improve the standard of living of our people, to assure equal opportunity for all, to promote their health and education, and their security and freedom. . . . We would have [these programs] even if there were not a single Communist in the world. Nevertheless, they are among the strongest anti-Communist weapons in our whole arsenal."



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*Pres -  
personal*

September 22, 1975

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Your letter to the President of September 3 has been referred to me for reply. In your letter you request that the President furnish you on an exclusive basis copies of his tax returns for the past five years and the results of his latest medical examination.

I can appreciate that you may have good reasons for believing information of this type delivered to you may serve a salutary purpose in helping voters to judge the fitness of a candidate for nomination of election. However, it is doubtful that information in the form suggested is the best way of informing voters of the truly relevant facts. Income tax returns do not necessarily disclose all material financial connections and none entered into after the last taxable year reported. They also include personal information not significantly relevant to a candidate's fitness such as the particular objects and levels of his philanthropy. Also, as you know, the President's investments and financial transactions up to the time of his nomination to become Vice President were all made known in the process of the Senate hearings in late 1973. Furthermore, the physician's findings from the President's health examinations have already been publicly reported.

As the President decides that additional relevant information of this type which bears on his candidacy should be made known, he will probably do so in a manner different from the one you propose and not on an exclusive basis for any particular news outlet. However, I do thank you for your suggestions.

Sincerely,

*Philip W. Buchen*

Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Mr. Jack Anderson  
1401 Sixteenth Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20036

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 14

Dorothy,

Mr. Buchen wondered if you  
had seen.

shirley

*Pls. return.*

Oct. 14

Shirley,

Unfortunately I saw this article--the  
President did also!

Dorothy



## Jim Auzins sizes up the President

By Maury DeJonge

Step aside New York tailors — the President of the United States has chosen a Grand Rapids craftsman to make him two sportcoats.

If Jackie Kennedy Onassis' designers attract world-wide attention, certainly the tailor of President Gerald R. Ford deserves some published satisfaction.

The tailor is Jim Auzins, who two years ago purchased Lloyd's Gentlemen's Tailor, 139 Ottawa Ave. NW.

Ford's former personal tailor, Lloyd G. Lievens, who appeared late last year on the television show, "What's My Line," told The Press that Ford then was wearing ready-made suits. Hammond Park reportedly gave him 12 suits, and Lievens said he heard they gave him another 10 later.

It now appears that the President, like the girl at the dance, has decided "to stick with the guy that brung her." "It's the first time I have done work for the President," Auzins said.

The former Saginaw tailor said he will travel to Detroit Friday with another of his tailors, Tano Venturelli, to fit the sportcoats on the president. (Ford will be there for a Republican fund-raising dinner.) "We expect to have them in the mail to Mr. Ford by the middle of next week," Auzins said.

How was he selected for the job?

"We received a letter from the President last June asking us to send him some wool plaid materials from which he could select the cloth, Auzins said.

"We mailed the material books in June, and they were returned in less than two weeks with paper clips attached to the plaids he preferred," the tailor said.

The material was ordered from William Bill in Scotland. Auzins estimates he and Venturelli have spent a total of 30 hours per coat.

One coat is a red and blue glen plaid, and the other is a two-tone brown, with a touch of blue and beige. Auzins said Mrs. Ford is having a coat made from the same two-tone brown plaid material. The tailor is not local and is unknown to Auzins.

The coats are sized as 44 longs, Auzins said. The



Grand Rapids Press photograph by JAY C. ABBOTT

Jim Auzins admits giving the President's coats special care.

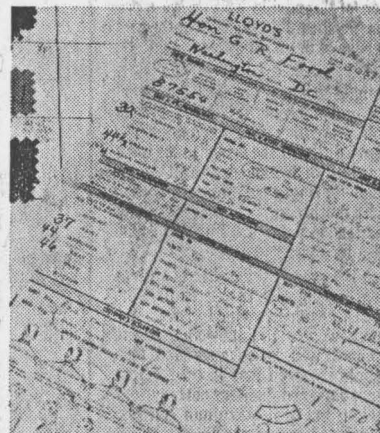
President has a 44½-inch chest, a 17 and three-quarter-inch sleeve and a 38-inch waist, according to measurements taken in 1973.

Auzins admitted giving the coats "a little special care."

The new sportcoats and the chart Lloyd's keeps on the President clearly indicate that Ford has not departed from his conservative taste for clothes.

He no longer has to appeal to conservatives in his former congressional district, but Ford still leans in that direction.

Auzins, born in Latvia, came to the United States in 1949. There has been a close tie between the President and the Latvians many years. Auzins has been a resident of Grand Rapids since 1973.



Ford's chart shows little size change

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 20, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Florence Brown (Mr. Buchen's Office in Grand Rapids) advises that Mr. Buchen joined the Rospatch Corp. in January 1963 and resigned on July 1, 1974; Chairman, Kent County Board of Social Services from September 6, 1967 through August 15, 1974.

shirley



Thursday 11/20/75

11:30 Quite some time ago you had borrowed from  
Mildred Leonard the 1972 log for Mr. Ford.

Dottie just asked for it, and I have returned it to  
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**Compiled by**  
**Frances Spatz Leighton,**  
FAMILY WEEKLY Contributing Editor

# Five Leading Washington Newswomen Take a Look at The Ford Style of Doing Things

**W**hat is the atmosphere at Ford's White House? Have things changed all that much since the Nixons? The Kennedys? How are the parties? Is the White House really that open to reporters now?

FAMILY WEEKLY went to five top women writers, who have been White House watchers through many administrations, for their view of the First Family. What are the most important or colorful changes you've seen? we asked. This is what they said:

## YMELDA DIXON

Columnist, Washington Star.

Not long ago, I was at Betty Ford's White House on the occasion of a state dinner for Walter Scheel, the visiting president of West Germany. Mrs. Ford and her florist had pulled out all the stops. The big planters in the Great Hall were jammed with cauliflowers and grapefruit and Boston lettuce, which wilted by 10 P.M. In the East Room, the mantels sprouted delphinium and asparagus arrangements tied with what looked like a torn pale blue sheet. Said one reporter, "It would be all right in Southampton or Jamaica or Grand Rapids—but in the White House?" And a Congressional wife was overheard to say, "Let's face it, the only one with class was Jackie."



I took exception to this. I said that was true only if your criterion for "class" was decorating the White House for elegant entertainment. I pointed out that Lady Bird Johnson might not embody this type of "class" either, but she will be remembered as long as the flowered parks she created around the country continue to beautify our land.

I think probably the greatest change

I've seen under the Fords has been the party-time decorations. Their very first Christmas, the Fords retired the traditional Christmas decorations in favor of lots of trees and plants decorated with plaid ribbons and ornaments with a patchwork quilt design. The Noel party for the press featured two free-flowing bars and lavish buffets, and it went on till all hours. It may not have been a "Kennedy-type" party, but a lot of us appreciated it.

## VERA GLASER

Columnist, Knight-Ridder Newspapers.

The greatest change that I see around the White House is in political style. Jerry Ford's old-shoe political style is refreshing for a reporter bruised by Nixon's hobnail boot. Or put another way, Ford's White House is like your friendly neighborhood drive-in. Not as efficient as Nixon's hostile fortress, maybe, but it sure makes points with me.



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may be what Watergate-weary Americans prefer for a while.

## HELEN THOMAS

The first woman manager of U.P.I.'s White House bureau. She is currently writing her memoirs based on her life as White House correspondent from the Kennedy era to the Ford Administration.

The Ford Administration is livelier and more open than its predecessor—but not all that open! It is true that Ford



is more accessible than Nixon was (Ford has been averaging about two news conferences a month, plus personal interviews), but he stunned me recently when he laid down a new law excluding re-

porters from covering social events, with the exception of state dinners. Traditionally, these have been viewed as newsworthy happenings.

The President gives parties every week—in fact, several a week. He mingles with hundreds of guests. I feel that when he gives a reception like the one he gave for 120 mayors or the party he gave for the American Society of Newspaper Editors, we reporters should be there. Anything could happen, and we should be there as witnesses. The President has told me he doesn't like "the inhibiting presence of notebooks and microphones," but I'd hate to see us go back to the Kennedy era when Jackie once had us hiding behind potted plants.

Other than on this point, the President and Mrs. Ford are more gracious in their hospitality than the Nixons. The relaxed attitude is even reflected in the attitude of the Secret Service and other White House assistants. But nowhere is it more obvious than among the Ford children. I have to smile as I see Susan Ford, 18, running around the White House in blue jeans and a jersey pull-

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# Washington Newswomen

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over, taking pictures with the rest of the White House photographers. Tricia and Julie Nixon would never have let the press see them dressed like that. At last we have White House children who act as if the White House is home.

## BETTY BEALE

Columnist for the Washington Star and Field Newspaper Syndicate. (Socialite Betty Beale caused a tizzy among her neighbors recently when the President and Betty Ford popped in for dinner—with Secret Service men, walkie talkies, ambulance-rescue trucks, uniformed policemen at the doors, the works.)

History is being made at the White House and Betty Ford is making it as the First Lady who dared to be herself. For the first time in memory, we have a First Lady who does not bow to political expediency, presidential advisers and people who write letters to the editor.



I recall when Betty Ford first showed her unusual independence by going to Los Angeles to lobby for the Equal Rights Amendment for women. At that time she deplored being automatically linked with "women bra burners."

Even so, I never really thought I would hear a First Lady talk in public so frankly about family life in the White House. The truth is, Betty Ford is addicted to telling the truth, and she will tell it whatever the consequences. To be this kind of woman requires a special kind of husband, and the President is just that—a man who lets each member of his family be an individual.

Jerry Ford is also the kind of hus-

band who enjoys good natural banter with his wife, and even being playfully put down by her in public. Not long ago, when he got up to speak at a party for about 300 people at a private club, Betty jumped ahead of him and grabbed the microphone as if she were going to speak. As he watched, open-mouthed, she said, "Excuse me, didn't you know I was going to make the speech?" Then she laughed and sat down.

Ford, recovering quickly, grinned sheepishly and said, "The way she's been going lately, I really was starting to take her seriously."

As one who has covered the White House through several administrations, the First Lady's frank and effervescent personality is like a fresh breeze. The fact that she answers frankly on any subject and does not run away from a question as past First Ladies did, makes her an exciting person to be around.

There may not seem to be much similarity between a Betty Ford and a Jackie Kennedy, but I can think of one way they're similar. It took a First Lady with Jacqueline Kennedy's confidence to con-

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**"Betty Ford is making it as the First Lady who dared to be herself."—Betty Beale, Columnist**

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vert the stiff, white-tie affairs of previous administrations into exhilarating gatherings of relaxed people having a good time. Jackie replaced white tie and tails with black tie and dinner jacket; she tossed out the huge formal U-shaped table, and instead placed guests at comfortable round tables.

President Nixon restored white tie garb and the big cumbersome U-shaped dinner table with the President and First Lady stiffly facing the bulk of the guests

from their high-backed chairs.

But now, I'm happy to say, the round tables are back. The Fords have come full circle, back to the relaxed style of the Kennedy era. And Betty has played a big part in that change.

## CLARE CRAWFORD

Washington staff correspondent of *People* magazine and TV talk-show host.

The most refreshing thing I can say about the White House these days is that hardly anyone, except the Fords,



knows the names of all the Ford children. In days gone by, people were more familiar with John-John, Caroline, Lynda, Luci, Tricia and Julie than anyone wanted to be. Perhaps the Ford

White House reflects the country's attitude toward its President, an attitude of friendly restraint.

Another area in which I have seen great change over the years is in the attitude toward the press. And the attitude of the press. Let me explain. . . .

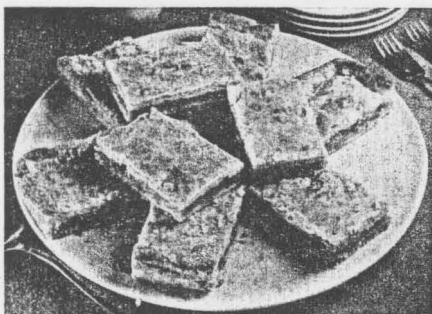
The media covers two White Houses. There's the West Side where the President's Press Secretary deals with national and international issues, and there's the East Side where the First Lady's staff keeps the press informed about the social side of the First Family. As I see it, the Kennedys were great at exploiting the social power of the White House. So were the Johnsons. In fact, I've often thought that the Johnsons were the most successful "professional peasants" in memory. They served chili-con-queso under the Lincoln portrait and frugged to rock music until 3 A.M.

The Nixons weren't as elegant as the Kennedys or as friendly and folksy as the Johnsons. But they were efficient.

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Food Editor Marilyn Hansen says, "These Apple Squares can be made the day before a party. And they freeze!"



## Try These Fresh Apple Pastry Squares

### FRESH APPLE PASTRY SQUARES

- 2½ cups unsifted all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 egg yolk
- Milk
- 1 cup crushed corn flakes
- 8 cups (2 qts.) peeled, cored, sliced tart apples\*
- ¾ cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 egg white, stiffly beaten
- 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
- ½ teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1-2 tablespoons water

1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. In large bowl, stir flour and salt together. Cut in butter with pastry blender until crumbly.
3. Beat egg yolk lightly with fork in measuring cup. Add enough milk to egg yolk to make ¾ cup.
4. Stir milk into flour mixture; mix with fork to blend, stirring until mixture holds together and cleans side of bowl.
5. Divide dough into two parts. Roll half of dough to line a 15½ x 10½ x 1-inch pan. Place dough in pan, pressing down lightly, to form bottom crust.
6. Sprinkle bottom crust with corn flakes.
7. In large bowl combine apples, sugar, ginger and cinnamon; stir to mix. Spread

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o enjoys good natural banter with her wife, and even being playfully teased by her in public. Not long after she got up to speak at a party of 300 people at a private club, she stepped ahead of him and grabbed the telephone as if she were going to speak. He watched, open-mouthed, as she said, "Excuse me, didn't you know I was going to make the speech?" Then she stepped back and sat down.

recovered quickly, grinned broadly and said, "The way she's been teased, I really was starting to take a break."

Who has covered the White House through several administrations, Mrs. Ford's frank and effervescent personality is like a fresh breeze. The way she answers frankly on any subject does not run away from a question. As the first First Ladies did, makes her a person to be around.

may not seem to be much different between a Betty Ford and a Jackie Kennedy, but I can think of one way they are different. It took a First Lady with the confidence of a Kennedy's confidence to con-

from their high-backed chairs. But now, I'm happy to say, the round tables are back. The Fords have come full circle, back to the relaxed style of the Kennedy era. And Betty has played a big part in that change.

## CLARE CRAWFORD

Washington staff correspondent of *People* magazine and TV talk-show host.

The most refreshing thing I can say about the White House these days is that hardly anyone, except the Fords,



knows the names of all the Ford children. In days gone by, people were more familiar with John-John, Caroline, Lynda, Luci, Tricia and Julie than anyone wanted to be. Perhaps the Ford

White House reflects the country's attitude toward its President, an attitude of friendly restraint.

Another area in which I have seen great change over the years is in the attitude toward the press. And the attitude of the press. Let me explain. . . .

The media covers two White Houses. There's the West Side where the President's Press Secretary deals with national and international issues, and there's the East Side where the First Lady's staff keeps the press informed about the social side of the First Family. As I see it, the Kennedys were great at exploiting the social power of the White House. So were the Johnsons. In fact, I've often thought that the Johnsons were the most successful "professional peasants" in memory. They served chili-con-queso under the Lincoln portrait and frugged to rock music until 3 A.M.


The Nixons weren't as elegant as the Kennedys or as friendly and folksy as the Johnsons. But they were efficient.

They used White House invitations to pay off political debts and managed to get more people in and out of the White House as guests than all the previous administrations combined.

The Ford Administration has not yet developed a distinctive entertainment style. Mrs. Ford's cancer operation grounded her for a time, but now she and the President stay on and dance and mingle with their guests—quite the opposite of the Nixons.

While all this has been happening on the East Side of the White House, the pace of foreign and domestic events has become more intense on the West Side. We've had the Bay of Pigs, the Vietnam War, the Great Society, the Cambodian Bombing, Watergate, the Nixon Pardon. This has caused reporters to become more intense. In the Kennedy years, the press was just another political weapon to be manipulated. In the Johnson era, reporters were also manipulated, but they were also either loved or reviled.

Under Nixon, the media was ignored and scorned like the wolf at the door, until it blew down his house of sticks. Now, under Ford, reporters are regarded as a great force you have to be nice to, but which is probably going to misinterpret what's happening. The Ford White House seems to think it's better to try to influence the press than to follow Nixon's policy of giving them as little information as possible. "Might as well give them all the stuff we can" pretty much sums up the Ford attitude.

Covering the President and his family has gone from being almost a personalized job when I first went to the White House in the '60's, to group journalism and news-by-handout today. Personalized journalism meant reporters were covering supposed friends. Group interviews and handouts mean no one really knows what's going on. It's an imperfect media covering an imperfect President for an imperfect and frequently disinterested electorate! 

### Ford is making it as the lady who dared to be first.—Betty Beale, Columnist

stiff, white-tie affairs of previous administrations into exhilarating gatherings of relaxed people having a good time. She replaced white tie and tails with a dark tie and dinner jacket; she replaced the huge formal U-shaped table with a round table and instead placed guests at round tables.

When Nixon restored white tie and tails, the big cumbersome U-shaped table with the President and First Lady facing the bulk of the guests

# Try These Fresh Apple Pastry Squares!

## APPLE PASTRY SQUARES

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- teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons water

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3. Beat egg yolk lightly with fork in measuring cup. Add enough milk to egg yolk to make 2/3 cup.
4. Stir milk into flour mixture; mix with fork to blend, stirring until mixture holds together and cleans side of bowl.
5. Divide dough into two parts. Roll half of dough to line a 15 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 1-inch pan. Place dough in pan, pressing down lightly, to form bottom crust.
6. Sprinkle bottom crust with corn flakes.
7. In large bowl combine apples, sugar, ginger and cinnamon; stir to mix. Spread

- apple mixture over bottom crust.
8. Roll out remaining half of dough and place on top. Pinch edges of dough together to seal. Brush stiffly beaten egg white over top crust.
9. Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until golden brown. Combine confectioners' sugar, vanilla and water smoothly to make frosting. Let pastry cool slightly, then frost while crust is still warm. Cut into squares. *Makes 16 servings*

\*The best apples for our Fresh Apple Pastry Squares would be Cortland, Rhode Island Greening, Baldwin or Northern Spy.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 12, 1976

*President*  
*Personal*  
*(see Pres.*  
*ltr.)*

Dear Homer:

To honor your long and distinguished public service is to recognize the finest qualities of integrity and civic responsibility.

It must give you endless pride and satisfaction to look back on your rewarding life. Those of us who have been close to you over the years especially regret that a man of your caliber is retiring. But at the same time, we are strengthened and encouraged by the inspiring example which you have set and by the dedication which you have brought to your many challenging positions.

As a fellow Michigander, I will always cherish the great credit you have brought to our State, and I will be forever grateful for the friendship and kindness you have extended to me throughout the years.

Betty and I hope that the future will bring you and Myrtle all the happiness you both so richly deserve.

Sincerely,

*Gerald R. Ford*

The Honorable Homer Ferguson  
Judge of the United States Court  
of Military Appeals  
Washington, D. C. 20442



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

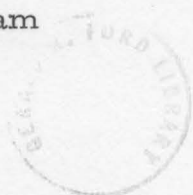
Feb. 10, 1976

*Pres. has  
seen  
2-12-76*

To: Mildred

From: Eva

I called Mrs. Buchen and read the attached telegram to her. She suggested passing the telegram on to you for the Fords' information.



I have called to let Mrs. Leonard know that Mr. Buchen is making a speech in Philadelphia on Saturday 2/14 and they will not be going to Florida.

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The White House  
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4 PMS MRS PHILLIP BUCHEN

5 WHITEHOUSE

6 WASHINGTON DC

7 DEAR BUNNY,

8 I AM IN ST PETERSBURG FLORIDA VISITING MY NEPHEW AND WIFE AND  
9 FAMILY. IT IS A VERY DANGEROUS CITY. MANY SOCIAL SECURITY SENIOR  
10 CITIZENS DRUNK ALL DAY AND NIGHT. BE CAREFUL. MY NEPHEW SAYS I  
11 SHOULD NOT TRY TO GO TO WILLIAMS PARK BUT I WANT TO PLEASE TELL  
12 JERRY CHUCK AND I LIVED AT 644 SOUTH UNION ST ACROSS FROM HIM WHEN  
13 WE WERE FIRST MARRIED, BUT HE HAD MOVED TO ANOTHER HOUSE. DID KNOW  
14 BETTY WELL BOUGHT CLOTHES FROM HER AT HERPOLSHEIMERS KNEW AMELIA  
15 HERPOLSHEIMER HERDY WELL. I HOPE YOU COME TOO CHUCK IS NOT WITH ME  
16 BUSINESS. IF YOU CAN COME PLEASE CALL ME BACK I AM AT HILTON HOTEL



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 9, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHILIP W. BUCHEN

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR

SUBJECT:

Guest Lists for Groups Meeting with  
the President and the First Family

When you are notified the President will meet with guests for whom you have the responsibility, the following points should be considered:

1. Lists must be typed and in alphabetical order, with the last name first, then the first name and middle initial. (Special Note: For married women this should not be JONES, Mrs. John C., but rather JONES, Laura B.) Supplements to the original list should be avoided whenever possible.
2. When the list includes guests who do not regularly meet with the President, it may be necessary to provide the following information:
  - (a) Name
  - (b) Address
  - (c) Date and place of birth
  - (d) Social Security number

Please designate someone to contact Jane Dannenhauer to review these requirements (extension 2345).

3. The alphabetized lists should be submitted four days before the function and should be directed to:
  - (a) Officer in Charge  
Appointments Center  
Room 060, OEOB



(b) Mr. Richard Keiser  
U. S. Secret Service  
Room 1, OEOB

(c) Miss Jane Dannenhauer  
Room 43, OEOB

On all groups larger than 40, copies should be provided to Mike Farrell, Visitors Office (for groups less than 40 you may delete this requirement). In those cases where the event will occur in the Residence, please also provide a copy to Rex Scouten, Ushers Office.

4. The requirements for guests meeting with Mrs. Ford or other members of the First Family are the same as for the President. However, the procedures are different and you should be in direct contact with Susan Porter, Mrs. Ford's Appointments Secretary, or the Social Secretary's Office. Special Note: In those cases where a Presidential event also involves the participation of the First Lady or where refreshments, music or social aides are required, prompt contact should be made with the Social Secretary's Office. A copy of the guest list should be provided to them.
5. It would be helpful if you would have someone contact Mike Farrell in advance of each scheduled event to discuss the requirements of the list, suggested gate of arrival, parking and other requirements (i. e., 40 or larger).

Thank you very much.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*Rec.  
Personal*

March 15, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: DOROTHY DOWNTON

FROM:

PHILIP BUCHEN

*P.W.B.*

Attached is a draft copy of a suggested new WILL prepared for the President by his old law firm to correct inadequacies in his present WILL. In particular, it implements his present intentions regarding his papers and documents and his memorabilia, but allows for flexibility in the event changes in Federal law should require the University of Michigan to make different arrangements in order to comply with any new law.

I suggest you have the President look this copy over and when he has time, I would be glad to sit down with him to go over the various provisions.

Attachment

*Rec. 10/10/76*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 19, 1976

*President +  
Personal*

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mildred Leonard

FROM: Eva Daughtrey *Eva*

Mr. Buchen suggested I advise you of phone conversations we have had recently about a friend of the President's -- Robert Stolz (sp. ?)

Charlie Mott, who worked at the White House a short time ago and is now at Defense, called to say he works with Major General Stanford Smith, who has a home at Siesta Key, Sarasota, Florida. He lives next door to Robert Stolz, who indicated he was a neighbor of the Fords in Grand Rapids -- their children played together, etc.

Mr. Stolz apparently received a letter asking for a contribution and he sent a contribution in response. However, the letter he received thanking him for it was apparently rather cool -- sort of a brushoff. It was the General's impression that the man felt that it should have been a little more personal -- thought maybe the President should know so he could call or write to him.

Mr. Mott said the General is a very responsible person and felt he wouldn't have mentioned it except to be helpful -- as Mr. Stolz seemed to be such a fine person.

Didn't know if there would be something you would want to do or not.

Apparently, Mr. Stolz was formerly an executive in General Motors at some point. He is now retired and living at the Gulf and Bay Club in Siesta Key, Sarasota, Florida.

Phone: Area Code 813 349-3000



Tuesday 3/30/76

10:45 Bernie Boston of the STAR and the W. H. News Photographers -- at the dinner they will be giving the President a gift as they do each year.

484-4377

This year they have one that is in question, and he would like to discuss it with you.

2:30 We called; Mr. Boston had gone for the day.

We will call him tomorrow.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 30, 1976

Mr. Buchen:

Mildred says Mr. Susce  
is an old sport's friend  
of the President. She  
will take care of the  
telegram.

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*For filing*  
*P.*

GERALD R. FUND LI

March 29, 1976

Mildred:

Do you know who this is?

What should I do?

Phil Buchen



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▶ HONORABLE PHILIP BUDHEN, GENERAL COUNCIL  
WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON DC 20500

DEAR PHILIP

TELL MY FRIENDS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
THAT HIS FRIENDS WIFE AGNES E SUSCE HAS PAST AWAY

ANDREW J SUSCE  
313 GARFIELD STREET  
NEWTON FALLS OH 44444

18:04 EST

MGMWSHT HSB





March 31, 1976

*Ford Library*

Dear Andy:

Phil Buchen has passed along to me the sad news of Agnes' passing. I was very, very sorry to learn about it and hope and trust that you are becoming reconciled to so great a loss.

Betty joins me in sending deepest sympathy. May God sustain you in this time of grief and sadness. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,

**JERRY FORD**

Mr. Andrew J. Susce  
313 Garfield Street  
Newton Falls, Ohio 44444



GRF:m1

cc: Mr. Phil Buchen

*President  
Personal*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1976

Dear Anna:

I have been informed of Dorothy's telephone call to Mr. Buchen's office and I am certainly sorry to hear that you are having some difficulties health-wise. Hope and trust that you are making progress and will be your usual self soon.

I'm sorry I didn't have an opportunity to visit with you when I was in the Fifth District recently. Unfortunately the time was very short and a very heavy schedule had been planned for me. I hope you understood.

I was very pleased to receive Harry's picture and I hope you will express my appreciation to Dorothy and thank her also for her wonderful aid and assistance.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

*Jimmy Ford*

Mrs. Anna Ackerman  
Pilgrim Manor  
2000 Leonard, N. E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505

MAY 24 1976

*Ackerman*  
*Mrs. Anna*

Friday 5/21/76

5:25 Gave Mildred Leonard the note; she will get a  
letter for the President's signature for Mrs. Anna Ackerman.

ALB R. FORD

Thursday 5/20/76

4:20 Dorothy Swanson called to talk with Mr. Buchen.  
He was unable to talk with her.

(616) 532-2210

She told me her mother, Mrs. Anna Ackerman, and her father, Harry, had campaigned for the President for years and years. Her father died five years ago this June.

Her mother has had a very bad stroke -- she is 90 years old -- and she feels very badly that she hasn't been noticed in this campaign. She would like some type of recognition from Mr. Ford. She said her mother would like to talk with me -- she wants to talk with someone at the White House to feel she isn't forgotten.

Mrs. Ackerman told me she has had a bad stroke which has affected her ears and her eyes. During "all this going on" she has listened to all she possibly could. She wanted the President to know that she hasn't forgotten. She said she and her husband started out thirty years ago and went from door to door and told everybody about the President. Said she has only heard from him once since he's been in Washington. She said she might not be around very long and she would like to hear from him.

I then talked with Dorothy Swanson again and she said Mrs. Anna Ackerman is in the Pilgrim Manor, 2000 Leonard N. E., Grand Rapids 49505. Indicated Jerry had taken her, her mother and her mother to dinner with Sen. Dirksen a long time ago. Jerry came to see her dad before he passed away.

Dorothy said she got 80 votes for the President the other day.

Said last November??? she did get a telegram from the President saying he would see her the next time he was in Grand Rapids. Mrs. Swanson said she sent her dad's picture to the President but they hadn't had a reply from that, but she understands.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 23, 1976

*Handwritten:*  
See Hodge  
for facts

MEMORANDUM FOR: DOROTHY DOWNTON

FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.*

As a result of my earlier letter of May 7 to Kenneth F. Hodge, Secretary of Kent Philatelic Society, I have received the attached two cachets honoring the President, together with the letter of explanation dated July 14.

Perhaps you would like to see that these cachets are put with the President's stamp collection and would like to send a letter to Mr. Hodge.

Attachments



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 23, 1976

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*Stamp*  
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July 14, 1976

Mr. Phillip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Buchen:

Thank you for your prompt reply of May 7, 1976 concerning our cachet.

Enclosed are two cachets honoring President Gerald R. Ford issued by the Kent Philatelic Society which he may add to his collection.

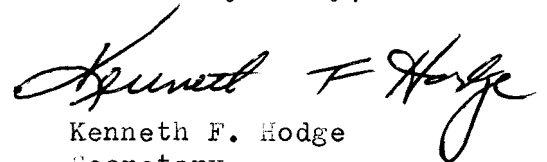
The Kent Philatelic Society at a recent meeting also voted an honorary membership to President Gerald R. Ford and his membership card is enclosed.

For your information, 1052 cachets were issued and these were all spoken for prior to July 4th. Additional requests totaling over 1,000 were returned with regrets.

We are planning to reissue a revised cachet at our annual exhibition in late October, 1976 and what could be more appropriate than our Bicentennial President's picture on the cachet? I will arrange to send a copy to President Ford.

Thanking you again for your cooperation.

Yours very truly,



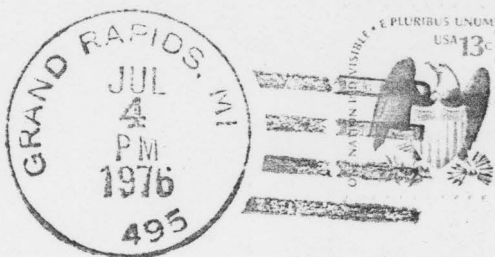
Kenneth F. Hodge  
Secretary  
Kent Philatelic Society  
1725 Orville S. E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
49506



KENT PHILATELIC SOCIETY  
Grand Rapids, Michigan



HOME OF BICENTENNIAL PRESIDENT  
GERALD R. FORD



KENT PHILATELIC SOCIETY  
Grand Rapids, Michigan



HOME OF BICENTENNIAL PRESIDENT  
GERALD R. FORD





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 7, 1976

*Hodge  
Kenneth F.*

Dear Mr. Hodge:

The President has asked me to thank you for your recent letter requesting approval for the Kent Philatelic Society of Grand Rapids to issue a cachet in his honor as part of the Society's observance of the Bicentennial. The President's likeness is generally considered to be in the public domain and, as such, no special permission from the White House is necessary.

As you may be aware, the President has collected stamps for a number of years and is, therefore, especially honored by the thoughtfulness displayed by you and the other collectors back home in this commemorative effort. I am sure that he would be delighted to add one of these special cachets to his collection once it is issued.

I have enclosed for your assistance in this regard a copy of the President's official photograph. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

*Philip W. Buchen*  
Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Mr. Kenneth F. Hodge  
Secretary  
Kent Philatelic Society  
1725 Orville S. E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506



April 29, 1976

Mr. Phillip W. Buchen  
Legal Counsel to the President  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D. C. 20401

Dear Mr. Buchen:

The Kent Philatelic Society of Grand Rapids would like to issue a 1976 cachet commemorating the President of the United States, Gerald R. Ford.

Since Grand Rapids will be the only city in United States history having had a Bicentennial President, we thought it would be most appropriate to have the President's picture in photo or line drawing.

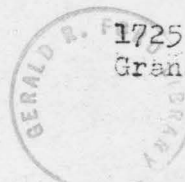
I contacted Dick Ford as to whom I should address this request as we wish to have full clearance and direction before issuing such a cachet. He suggested that your office would be the proper place. Enclosed is a 1974 cachet which illustrates what we have done on past occasions.

We would like to use this in connection with the Bicentennial activities around July 4th, 1976 and again October 30th and 31st at our Annual Stamp Show and Bourse.

Your advice at an early date would be most appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Kenneth F. Hodge  
Secretary  
1725 Orville S. E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
49506



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*President  
Personal  
(see  
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September 21, 1976

FOR: PHILIP W. BUCHEN  
FROM: ROLAND L. ELLIOTT *RE*

Because of the nature and content of the attached letter and the background of the writer, I thought you would want to see this immediately. Unless I hear otherwise from you, I will leave it to your office for appropriate handling.

Thank you.

Attachment

*For filing in our office.  
No reply necessary. I  
talked to writer on  
9/21 and 9/20  
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Mildred  
thought  
this might  
help you.



*From the desk of*

**MARY G. BRUNER**

Mildred:

As per your conversation with John  
Williams.

How are you doing? I think of  
you often.



Mary G. Bruner  
A hand-drawn smiley face consisting of a circle with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.

Edmund T. Henshaw, Jr.  
Clerk

Office of the Clerk  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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OFFICE OF RECORDS AND REGISTRATION  
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REQUEST TO REVIEW PAYROLL

This form must be completed in full for each Member's, the Leadership, a Committee's, and/or a House Officer's payroll to be reviewed.

NAME: Douglas LOWENSTEIN  
First Middle Last

ADDRESS: 1901 Penn Ave NW  
Number Street  
D.C.  
Town State Zip Code

IDENTIFICATION PRESENTED: Coz newspapers

PAYROLL REQUESTED: Minority Leaders Office - Jan 1964 - Dec. 1973

TODAY'S DATE: Sept-29

SIGNATURE: Douglas Lowenstein

REVIEWING CLERK'S SIGNATURE: Sonia Munnick

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Per instructions of the Chairman, Committee on House Administration, the original copy of this form will be retained in the records of this office and one copy will be sent to the Member whose payroll is requested.

(Complete this form in duplicate)



Office of the Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



M.C.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Mildred Leonard

The White House



*President  
Ford  
1975  
Chairman*

THE  
GERALD R. FORD  
COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE

October 1, 1976

Mr. Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20501

Dear Phil:

In discussing with an attorney plans for incorporating our committee as a non-profit corporation, with tax exempt status, we encountered what appears to me to be a problem on which I would like your advice.

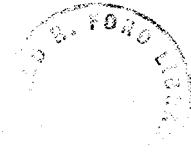
The stated purpose for which the corporation is to be organized is as follows:

"To provide, establish and maintain a suitable memorial in Michigan for Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States, and to collect documents and property relating to his public career and secure a proper depository therefore."

The application will also state that the corporation is to be financed by soliciting and securing public contributions.

We have been advised that as a Michigan Non-Profit Corporation, in the soliciting of contributions, we would come under Act ~~1969~~ of the Public Acts of Michigan 1975, which was effective July 20, 1975. This act which is known as the Charitable Organizations and Solicitations Act, as I understand it, would require the annual licensing of any and all individuals involved in the solicitation of funds and the filing of annual financial statements.

*Called Morgenstern  
on 10/7/76 a proposed  
that incorporation  
be approved.  
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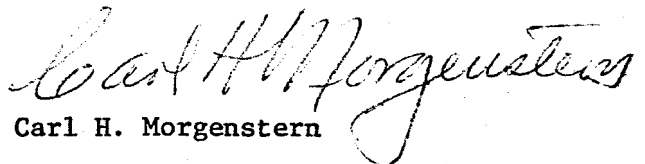
Mr. Philip W. Buchen  
Page 2  
October 1, 1976

In view of your suggestion that when reorganized our committee keep at least 10 spots open to be filled by the President with individuals with national recognition and the contacts necessary to generate nationwide support, it occurred to me that we could be faced with similar licensure in other states in which members were located and we could be soliciting funds.

I believe the act exempts religious and governmental organizations. Do you think it would be advisable, if possible, in reorganizing to have some affiliation or connection with the University or the City of Grand Rapids, perhaps through the Public Museum to avoid licensure problems?

I am sorry to bother you with a matter of this kind, but realizing the close scrutiny to which public officials are being subjected, we want to be as certain as possible of proceeding in the proper manner.

Sincerely yours,

  
Carl H. Morgenstern

October 14, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

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were returned to Dorothy Downton today.

Shirley A. Key (Ballard)

October 14, 1976

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Brown,  
Art

(good friend  
of the  
President)

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Oct. 22, 1976

Eva:

As of today Art Brown's new  
address is:

3423 Badger Avenue SW  
Wyoming, Michigan 49509

616/531-6154

Dottie C.



*President  
Board*

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TERRANCE R. BACON

Mrs. Eva Daughtrey  
West Wing  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Daughtrey:

Betsy said you called several days ago regarding the enclosed newspaper clipping. Of course, I am delighted to send it.

I am told that each of the rooms at Wealthy School received a note from the President yesterday resulting in great excitement.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

Best regards,

*Carl Auten*

CRF:jjf

Enclosure:



# Landfill

from 1B

cent of gross revenues at the landfill extension.

John J. Oostema, a member of the BBW, said the county will use about 55 of the 80 acres for landfill. He said it will take about six months before the extended Kentwood landfill can be in operation.

County Commissioner Vernon Ehlers (R-Grand Rapids) and Oostema said state Department of Natural Resources approval of the expanded Kentwood operation would be necessary. Because the proposed site is an extension of the closed Kentwood site, Ehlers said he doesn't expect additional public hearings will be necessary but he added that will be up to the DNR. Borings and other data on the site will be necessary to get DNR approval, Ehlers said.

According to Oostema, the county will seek state and federal funds for development of the new recreational area. The first phase of development, he estimated, would cost about \$400,000.

Kentwood Mayor Peter Lamberts praised Ehlers, Oostema, other members of the BPW and county board Chairman Andrew DeKraker. "This is an outstanding example of what can be accomplished through intergovernmental cooperation," said Lamberts.

"This is a case of where everybody wins," relied Oostema.

After closing the original Kentwood landfill site, all refuse was hauled to the county landfill at Sparta, a 30-acre operation. The long haul increased prices of trash disposal to Kentwood citizens, Mayor Lamberts said.

With the Sparta landfill filling up, the county DPW is developing a 126-acre landfill site on 10 Mile Rd. NE in Plainfield Township. That operation is expected to open around Thanksgiving,



LETTERS FROM CHILDREN at Wealthy School in East Grand Rapids are accepted by Philip W. Buchen, counsel to President Ford. They were delivered by the children of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fleetwood, Gwendolyn; Robert, 3, and Jeffrey.

## Wealthy School Students

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Oct. 27, 1976

10:20 AM

Info re attached given to June  
Hodges to relay to staff in  
GR for President's information.

DKC

*Pete says Thank*

*Mr Bucher  
took the  
documents home*



President -  
Personnel

October 20, 1976

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My very best wishes to each of you.

Sincerely,

Pupils of Mrs. Ryon's Class  
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Sincerely,

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A.M. Kindergarten Class  
Wealthy Elementary School  
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Sincerely,

Pupils of Miss O'Connor's Class  
Wealthy Elementary School  
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Wealthy Elementary School  
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Wealthy Elementary School  
2006 Wealthy Street  
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Pupils of Mrs. Morris' Class  
Wealthy Elementary School  
2006 Wealthy Street  
East Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506

GRF:rs



October 20, 1976

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My very best wishes to each of you.

Sincerely,

Pupils of Mrs. Loyd's Third  
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Wealthy Elementary School  
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October 18, 1976

Mr. Philip W. Buchen  
West Wing  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Phil,

I am writing to thank you for the reception you and Mrs. Daughtrey gave my family during our visit on November 11. Meeting you and being so elegantly escorted through the White House was a grand event for my children, and they suggested--with some justification--that Betsy and I were at least as excited and charmed as they.

Dr. Marilyn Van Valkenburgh and the students of Wealthy School have asked me to also express their appreciation for the extra attention and time you devoted to their correspondence. When the students recall their childhood, I suspect they will remember laboring over their letters to the President, and they will then, just as they do now, appreciate the fact that their thoughts and good wishes were important enough to you and the President to merit a very special kind of treatment.

The children have expressed it much better than I could, so I will simply join them in wishing the President the very best of days on November 2.

With warmest regards,



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 15, 1976

Dear Mr. Fleetwood:

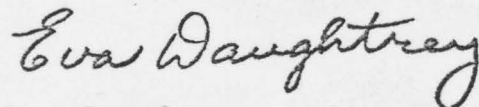
It was very nice of you and your family to bring the letters to the President from the children at the Wealthy Street School, and Mr. Buchen was delighted to receive them on behalf of the President.

I thoroughly enjoyed meeting all of you and being able to take you on a short tour of the White House.

Enclosed are two copies each of the pictures taken by the White House photographer. I think they turned out extremely well, and the photographer was particularly delighted with the one with Bobby peeking out under the letters -- and so were we.

Our best to you all.

Sincerely,



Eva Daughtrey  
Secretary to  
Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Mr. Carl Fleetwood  
666 Old Kent Building  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

Enclosures





GENERAL LIBRARY





Wednesday 10/6/76

Meeting  
10/7/76  
2:30 p.m.

2:50 We have scheduled the meeting for  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fleetwood and  
daughter and son -- Gwendolyn and Jeffrey --  
for 2:30 p.m. on Thursday 10/7.

They have 200 letters they will present to  
you. Marba Perrott is arranging for  
a photographer to take the pictures.

Wednesday 10/6/76

9:05

Marba Perrott said Bob Eleveld (Fifth District Republican Chairman) had called her to say that he has loads of letters to the President from children at the Wealthy Street School.

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Mr. Eleveld will be coming in Thursday or Friday and wondered if he and a couple of children could come in and meet someone and acknowledge the letters and have a picture taken. Thought it would be a good headline -- with the President going home to vote and the Counsel to the President acknowledging the letters from the children.

She thought you would be the one most appropriate to accept them, and wanted to check and see if you would be willing to do this.

W. F. ...

Thursday 10/28/76

6:15 Mr. Buchen said that the President was not a member of the group while he was President. Could have been a member while a Congressman but we do not have those records.

However, Bob Hope and others were also listed -----



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

5:30 Barry has part of the  
information.

But he needs to talk  
with you as soon as  
possible -- he may  
have to call Bob Warner  
before he leaves his  
office.



Thursday 10/28/76

5:10 Lindsay Miller of the New York Post (212) 349-5000  
wanted to find out about President Ford  
being a member of the Advisory Council  
of Radio Free Asia, which is a part of a  
larger group which is called Korean Cultural and  
Freedom Foundation ----- according  
to Miss Miller.

According to pamphlets they have seen  
his name is on them as being a member  
of Radio Free Asia.

(Barry was on the phone and I was unable  
to check on this.)



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 30, 1976

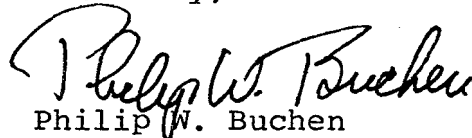
Dear Dr. Hoffs:

In behalf of the President, I acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 30.

You are wrong in assuming that the President has been charged with having accepted vacations paid for by large corporations while he was a Congressman. On a limited number of occasions, he accepted invitations from a close personal friend for golf outings while he was still in Congress. These matters have all been thoroughly discussed in the press, and I know of no valid criticism that has been made.

Since taking office, President Ford has made every effort to restore trust in the Presidency through his own conduct and through the standards he has set for his entire Administration.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Malcolm J. Hoffs, M. D.  
941 Westwood Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California 90024



8 — re: golf vacations paid

MALCOLM J. HOFFS, M. D.  
941 WESTWOOD BOULEVARD  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90024  
479-0332

PSYCHIATRY

September 30, 1976

JKW  
President Gerald Ford  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Ford,

I am distressed to learn about your acceptance of vacations paid for by large corporations while you were a Congressman. I am disturbed and puzzled, however, by the logic which reasons that it was appropriate to do so while an elected member of the legislative Branch but would have been inappropriate while an appointed member of the Executive Branch.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would clarify the reasoning which led you to these decisions.

Yours truly,

Malcolm J. Hoffs, M.D.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEC*

The President reviewed your memorandum of November 17 concerning a column written by David Wilson of the BOSTON GLOBE and made the following notation:

"Excellent and I appreciate. Can Ron Nessen get me a copy from the GLOBE?"

I am sending Ron Nessen a copy of this memo to see if he can arrange for the President's request.

cc: Dick Cheney  
Ron Nessen





THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 23, 1976

*Goldfield File*

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD CHENEY

FROM: PHILIP W. BUCHEN *P.*

SUBJECT: Staff project to honor the President

Attached is a copy of a memorandum to me from H. P. Goldfield who is a law student working part time in my office. He has a suggestion for the above project.

Attachment

WILD R. FORD LIBRARY

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 17, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN  
ED SCHMULTS

FROM: H.P. Goldfield *H.P.G.*

Having served in the White House for some 18 months and faced now with the certainty of a new Administration, I have been giving some thought as to what could be done to honor the President. I am sure that I am not alone in such thoughts. One idea, for which I would appreciate your input, is the establishment of a graduate fellowship in President Ford's name to honor those 10 or 12 young people from around the country who have made significant contributions to their schools, their community and the Republican Party, and to whom the Party might look in the future for leadership. The "fellows" might conceivably be placed in the Chairman's Office at the RNC, and the offices of the House and Senate Republican leadership. The fellowship could be funded through contributions by private citizens, corporations and labor unions. The Board of Trustees for the "Ford Congressional Fellowship" could be comprised of "blue ribbon" leaders from industry, labor, higher education, etc. The year-long internship might also include weekly seminars with appropriate public figures.

I know that President Ford while in Congress was actively committed to the Congressional Intern program and has continuously exhibited his commitment to young people and the problems they face. I think such a program as briefly outlined above would serve as a living testament to the achievements of the President and would ensure that the Republican Party would not suffer from a dearth of future leadership potential.

