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*Pres
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 4, 1975

Dear Mr. Greene:

Donald Rumsfeld has asked me to thank you for your very generous offer to give the First Family a portrait of Liberty, the President's dog.

While your thoughtfulness is most appreciated, it is the President's policy not to accept such gifts. I am sure that you will understand the basis for this policy and can assure you that it is in no way intended to reflect upon either yourself or the work of Mr. Davis.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Allan Greene
61 Horatio Street
New York, New York 10014



Greene
Alan

1/28/75

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Ken:
Here is a "gift" offer.
Kindly suggest reply
for me to send in
behalf of Don P. that
reflects our probable
policy in this regard.
-P-



January 21, 1975

Mr. Donald Rumsfeld
White House Chief of Staff
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rumsfeld:

Watching the Eyewitness Newscast the other day here in New York, We saw a news item regarding the President's dog, and the celebration of its birthday.

It was most interesting, and a wonderful thought developed, and that is why I am writing this letter to you.

I represent an Animal Portrait Photographer, Don Davis. His style is unique and beautiful. His is the only type of its kind. Attached is some background information regarding Mr. Davis.

We would like very much to have Mr. Davis photograph the President's Dog, in honor of her birthday, as a gift to the First Family.

We would be most happy to come to Washington, if it meets with everyones approval. The portrait could be ready within three weeks of the sitting, and would make a wonderful gift to the First Family.

Thank you for your kind consideration,

Very truly yours,

Allan Greene

ALLAN GREENE
61 HORATIO STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10014
(212)989-2820



*Pres. Personnel
"Liberty"*

February 18, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: NANCY HOWE

FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN

When the First Family thinks of finding a husband for Liberty, they have this proposal from a would-be swain named Shane.

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February 5, 1975

OF COUNSEL
HAROLD A. SHIRCLIFFE

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

Dear Phil:

It wasn't until I read last Sunday's newspaper that I learned that Liberty was a female. This information came in connection with the current stories here on the West Coast as to whether Liberty should or should not have the company of a sister from her litter.

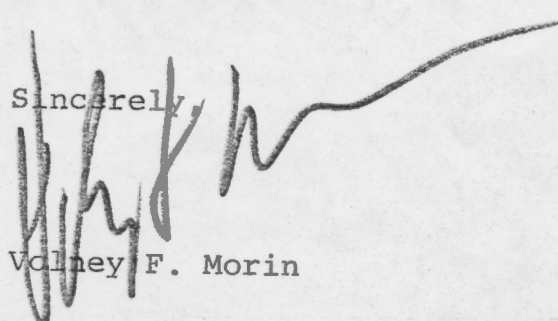
I have a better idea. Liberty should have the company of a fine American male Golden Retriever.

In our house we have Shane. Shane is registered; his genealogy and background are impeccable. While he has won first prize in Obedience School, we have not shown him so he has no prizes as a show dog. Nonetheless, take it from me, he is a beauty.

Some quiet moment you might hand this letter to Jerry. And, if he would like Shane to visit Liberty in the White House to sew up the California vote, I'll foot the round trip airplane bill.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,


Volney F. Morin

VFM:mp

P.S. Would Liberty like a picture of Shane? He is a year and one half old.



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WASHINGTON

Pres. Personal

Dog Liberty

July 28, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN

FROM:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF *mf*

Phil, could you give me a quick reading on this? It would appear to be a worthwhile project. As you see, there is a time problem, so we need to move on it as soon as possible.

Many thanks.



JIM WEAVER
4TH DISTRICT OREGON
COMMITTEES:
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515
July 25, 1975

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The Honorable Max Friedersdorf **JUL 28 1975**
Assistant to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Friedersdorf:

I am writing to you on behalf of a community of 2,000 people in my district in Southwest Oregon. The town, Eagle Point, near Medford, has been raising money for several years to build 6 Little League fields for boys and girls, and 2 Babe Ruth diamonds.

As a special Bicentennial project, the youngsters will hold a baseball Marathon August 8-10 in an effort to earn the remainder of the \$75,000 needed to qualify for federal matching funds to complete the fields.

Since President Ford's dog Liberty is being bred in nearby Medford, he has acquired a great deal of popularity among the youngsters there. They have asked for a dozen (12) baseballs autographed by Mr. Ford to auction during the marathon.

Won't you please help us fill their request? I believe this project, to give over 600 kids a place to play ball, is very noble. I will buy the baseballs.

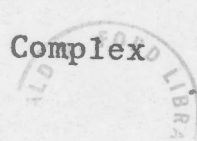
Sincerely,

Jim Weaver

JIM WEAVER
Member of Congress

JW/mw

cc: Ed Zander, President, Upper Rogue Baseball Complex



Friday 8/29/75

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Terry





Goldens for Honor

321 Asilomar Avenue
Pacific Grove, California 93950

July 15, 1975

President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
1400 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Ford,

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It Was Bound To Happen



In this age of permissiveness and expected affairs, talk of pregnancy was bound to sweep the White House and while Mrs. Ford has so far remained silent, President Ford has, reluc-

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Liberty

September 16, 1975

Dear Mrs. Friberg:

In behalf of the President, I wish to thank you very much for your recent inquiries requesting consent to publish a series of children's educational books about Liberty. I regret very much the delay in responding to your letter.

I trust you will understand that the President cannot take any action which could reasonably be construed as an endorsement of a particular commercial endeavor or as an endeavor in which he or the First Family is in anyway involved. On the other hand, Liberty's name and likeness are generally considered to be in the public domain and are available for appropriate use without special approval by the White House. You are thus free to proceed with these books as long as they do not indicate in any way that the President or the First Family is connected with this project, has endorsed it, or has contributed to or approved the subject matter or the contents.

With the President's best wishes for your success.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

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Counsel to the President

Mrs. Avis Swanson Friberg
Goldens for Honor
321 Asilomar Avenue
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bcc: Terry O'Donnell
David Kennerly



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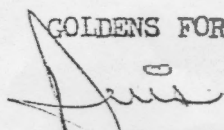
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