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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT WASHINGTON, D.C.

From the President:		
То:		
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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON.

Dear Mrs. Ford,

You are invited to serve as a patroness (I assume Honorary) of the American National Theatre and Academy Rosalind Russell Award Party, a party given once a year to honor an outstanding actress of the theatre. Thier letter says the American National Theatre and Academy is the only congressionally-chartered corporation devoted exclusively to the creative service of the medium of theatre and the arts.

(P.S. I have no opinion on this one.)

> Lend name as Honorary Patron Regret Augustina (1)

Thank you,



American National Theater and Academy

"Rosalind Russell National Award Ball"

9465 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA 90212
PHONE 274-8816

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September 9, 1974

Miss Susan Porter c/o White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Miss Porter:

At the request of your secretary to whom I spoke over the telephone, when you were not available would like to make a request of you.

We would like, that is, (The American National Theatre and Academy) permission to use the name of Mrs Jerald Ford as a patroness for the 'A.N.T.A. Rosalind Russell Award party' which we are giving on October 6, 1974. ANTA which is the abbreviation for the American National Theatre and Academy. This party is given once, a year, and at this time we award an outstanding actress of the theatre the ANTA Award. Miss Rosalind Russell will be the recipient.

Cn July 5, 1935, Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed into existance the American National Theatre and Academy (ANTA), the only congressionally-chartered corporation of the United States, devoted exclusively to the creative service of the medium of theatre and the arts.

We are aware that Mrs Ford is very much interested in the arts and we would like to have her as our patroness for this party. Miss Porter perhaps you would send us an official photograph of Mrs Ford that can be reproduced for our book which we are having also printed. The last fund-raising party which we gave, the recipients of the National Artist's Award were Alfred Lur and his wife Lynn Fontanne.

Would it be possible, Miss Porter for you to obtain No a photograph of President Ford with a short message from him also.

At the Lunt affair we had an expression from President Nixon and also from Mrs Nixon. As a matter of fact, I am enclosing these two pages which were in our album.

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Trusting to hear from you as quickly as you can manage it, because this party as I stated before will be October 6, 1974, and we must get this material to the printers office.

May I thank you in advance for any courtesy you may pay us which will be highly appreciated.

Cordially yours,

Rose Chudacoff

2nd Vice President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 24, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUSAN PORTER

FROM:

JERRY

The attached was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

-- Have someone write letters, etc. Send photo.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.