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E.M.O. 6-A (Warm Messages of Support)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 13, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to thank you for your thoughtful letter. She deeply appreciates your words of friendship.

It means a great deal to Mrs. Ford and her family to know of your confidence, and she is grateful for friends like you who take the time to write.

Mrs. Ford sends you her warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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WASHINGTON

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#22 ABORTION

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to thank you for your recent letter to her sharing your thoughts on the controversial issue of abortion.

The First Lady's approval of abortion under special circumstances was reached only after a great deal of thought, and your support of her stand is most meaningful and deeply appreciated. Also, she is hopeful that you have expressed your feelings to your Representatives in the Congress who will be considering legislation on this issue.

With Mrs. Ford's gratitude and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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#23 ANTI-ABORTION

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1976

Dear ,

I wish to thank you for your recent letter to Mrs. Ford. She was pleased that you took the time to write and share with her your thoughts on the complex issue of abortion.

Certainly any controversy involving the question of life elicits many conflicting and emotional viewpoints, and a decision can be reached only after considering all aspects of the matter. Thus, the First Lady read with interest your comments and appreciates having the benefit of your opinion. Also, she is hopeful that you have expressed your feelings to your Representatives in the Congress who will be considering legislation prohibiting abortion or allowing states to regulate or forbid abortion.

With Mrs. Ford's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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#14 APPRECIATION

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to thank you for sending her the _____. You were kind to remember her in this thoughtful way, and she and the President wanted you to know of their gratitude.

With appreciation and warm regards,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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#15 APPRECIATION (Support and Prayers)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you so much for your kind message wishing success and happiness for the Fords. They are grateful for your support and appreciate your sending _____ as an expression of your warm regard.

With gratitude for your thoughts and prayers and with best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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#70 "BETTY'S HUSBAND..." BUTTONS

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 26, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you for writing to Mrs. Ford to inquire about obtaining "Betty's Husband for President in '76" buttons. Your support and interest are deeply appreciated.

You will be interested to learn that these buttons are available from the GOP Feminist Caucus, 6201 Ashcroft Lane, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55424.

The President and Mrs. Ford join in sending you their gratitude and warmest wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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#79 SUGGESTED BICENTENNIAL PROJECT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 7, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful letter to Mrs. Ford suggesting a Bicentennial project. Mrs. Ford deeply appreciates receiving your message and learning of your special part in this great national celebration.

May I suggest that you convey your ideas to your State Bicentennial organization at _____, or to the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, 736 Jackson Place, North West Washington, D. C. 20276.

Mrs. Ford is grateful for your interest in the commemoration of our Nation's 200th Anniversary and sends her very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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Dear

Thank you for the announcement of
's birth. I am sure she is
a darling little girl and the answer to
all your dreams.

Preisdent Ford and I sned our congrad-
ualtions and best wishes to all of you.

Fond regards,

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Dear

Betty and I hoin in sending our congratulations and best wishes for happiness as you and
begin your married life.

It is our prayer that the joy of this day and the freshness of your love will be with you as you journey through life.

With warmest wishes for your happiness.

Fondly,

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#81 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 3, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful letter to the President and Mrs. Ford and for your generosity. They are deeply grateful for your spirit of friendship and support.

Although the President and Mrs. Ford are very grateful for your contribution, traditional White House policy prevents members of the First Family from accepting monetary gifts. Therefore, I am returning yours with their appreciation. However, if you wish, you may forward it to the Republican National Committee, 310 First Street, Southeast, Washington, D. C., 20003.

The President and Mrs. Ford send their very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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#80 CAMPAIGN MATERIAL REQUEST

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 7, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you so much for writing to Mrs. Ford to inquire about obtaining campaign material. You were kind to let the First Lady know of your support and friendship.

Because all items relating to President Ford's political activities are handled by a campaign staff, may I suggest that you contact the President Ford Committee at 1828 "L" Street, North West, Washington D. C., 20036.

With gratitude and warmest wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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#82 CAMPAIGN (offer of assistance)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 7, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful letter expressing a spirit of friendship. It is a real measure of encouragement to the President and Mrs. Ford to receive your warm words of confidence, and they find it heartening to know of your support.

I am pleased to let you know that you may contact the President Ford Committee, 1828 "L" Street, North West, Washington, D. C. 20036, to express your desire to work on the 1976 Presidential campaign.

With special gratitude for your interest and all best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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#127 GENERAL QUESTIONS FOR BF - CHILDREN (Draft and Form Combination)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 7, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you for your kind letter to Mrs. Ford. She is always pleased to hear from young friends and learn of their interests.

Unfortunately, due to her busy official schedule, Mrs. Ford is unable to respond personally to the many letters she receives each day. Therefore, I would like to answer your questions on her behalf.

(INSERT PARAGRAPH ANSWERING WRITER'S QUESTIONS)

Mrs. Ford is proud to be the First Lady of the United States and have the honor of living in the historic White House. Although her duties are most demanding, she enjoys the challenges of her position and strives to be helpful to the President.

The enclosed photograph comes to you with warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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#127 CHILDREN'S GENERAL QUESTIONS COMBINATION

#12 CLIPPINGS (more than one sent)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to thank you for taking the time to send the clippings to her. The President and she find it very helpful to receive the views and comments from fellow citizens and certainly will keep your remarks in mind.

The President and Mrs. Ford send their best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

(used when clippings concern an issue)

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#12-A CLIPPING (Complimentary)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 13, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you so much for taking the time to send the _____ to President and Mrs. Ford. They appreciate this thoughtful expression of your friendship and your giving them the opportunity to see this item.

The President and Mrs. Ford send their best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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#13 COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to thank you for writing and offering your comments and suggestions. As the President and she strive to carry out the responsibilities entrusted to them, they very much appreciate the concern which prompted your letter.

They are very grateful for citizens like you who take the time to write and find it helpful to have the benefit of your opinions.

The President and Mrs. Ford send their warm regards.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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#16 CRITICAL COMMENTS

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford asked me to acknowledge your recent letter in which you shared your views and feelings with her.

Please know that ~~the President and~~ Mrs. Ford ~~are~~ IS always pleased to have the benefit of comments from fellow citizens, and ~~they~~ she appreciates your taking the time to convey your opinions.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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#16-A CRITICAL COMMENTS (less harsh)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford asked me to thank you for your recent letter in which you shared your views and feelings with her.

As you know, there are many complex matters facing our Nation, and the President is working diligently to find the best solutions. It is helpful to receive thoughtful comments from interested citizens like you who are concerned over finding the right answers to these many problems.

The President and Mrs. Ford are pleased to have the benefit of your comments and they wish to assure you that your views have been well noted.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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#16-B CRITICAL COMMENTS (family problems)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford asked me to thank you for your letter which she read with sympathetic interest. How she wishes many fine families did not have to face such difficulties and that she could be of help. We are sure you can well imagine each day's mail brings hundreds of similar problems and as much as Mrs. Ford would like to help each and every one, regretfully it is not possible.

However, Mrs. Ford did want you to know of her encouragement and hopes that the coming days will bring happiness for you and your family and that the President joins her in extending their warm good wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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#46 DONATIONS - CANCER RESEARCH

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to respond to your recent letter and to thank you for the thoughtful contribution which you sent for cancer research. She very much appreciates the generosity that citizens like you have shown and is deeply grateful for the spirit of friendship your consideration reflects. It also means a great deal to Mrs. Ford to have your words of encouragement and prayerful concern.

We are happy to forward your gift and know that it will be a real help in efforts to find a cure for cancer.

President and Mrs. Ford send their best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

(Forward donations to the American Cancer Society)

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#20 E.R.A. Anti BF Involvement

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 14, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to thank you for sharing your views on the Equal Rights Amendment.

Unlike most issues before the state legislatures, an Amendment to the Constitution is national in scope, since it will affect all Americans. In addition, the First Lady recognizes that every citizen is entitled to discuss what should or should not be the law of the land. Accordingly, she expressed her opinion, just as you did in conveying your thoughts to her.

Please know that Mrs. Ford is grateful for this exchange of ideas which represents the very basis of our way of life in this country. She admires your commitment and encourages your participation in the legislative process.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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#20-A Anti E.R.A.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 20, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to thank you for sharing your views on the Equal Rights Amendment.

It is the First Lady's personal opinion that ratification of the ERA is the single most important step that our Nation can take to extend equal opportunity to all Americans. As a wife, mother, and former business woman, she very much hopes that all citizens will have the benefit of this vital legislation.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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#45 Anti E.R.A. AND ABORTION

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 26, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to thank you for sharing your thoughts on abortion and the Equal Rights Amendment. She is always grateful to have the benefit of the views of fellow citizens and appreciates the concern for life and the family structure which your comments reflect.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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#44 E.R.A. AND ABORTION Pro

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 23, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to thank you for writing about the emerging role of women in today's world. She greatly appreciates your interest in this issue. ~~Although traditional policy prevents her~~ from lobbying on behalf of pending legislation, she would certainly not discourage others from so doing. She looks forward, with you, to the day when the Equal Rights Amendment will become a reality.

NOT TRUE - SHE CAN NOW & HAS.

You were kind also to express your support of the First Lady's position on abortion. It is always heartening to know that others share one's thoughts, and your message means very much.

With gratitude and warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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#55 E.R.A. DEBATE

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford asked me to thank you for your recent letter requesting that she participate in a debate on the Equal Rights Amendment.

Mrs. Ford has stated that she believes the ratification of the ERA is the single most important step that our Nation can take to extend equal opportunity to all Americans. Mrs. Ford does plan to continue speaking in defense of ratification but there are no plans for requesting television or radio time.

Thank you for your interest and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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#21 ECONOMY

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1976

Dear ,

You were kind to write and share your suggestions about the economy. Mrs. Ford appreciates having the benefit of the viewpoints of concerned citizens and is grateful for your thoughtful ideas on how to improve our situation. Your involvement with the welfare of our country means a great deal. Indeed, the economy is a crucial problem and is being given priority by the President and his advisors. Thank you for letting us know your recommendations.

The President and Mrs. Ford sent their warm regards.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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#116 ELDERLY

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 5, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you for your letter to Mrs. Ford expressing concern for the elderly.

Please know that the President and his advisors have worked diligently to improve the quality of life for our older citizens.

In his 1976 State of the Union Address, the President proposed that Social Security Benefits be expanded by the full cost-of-living increase. This benefit became effective on July 1 of this year. Also, to protect the integrity of the Social Security Trust Fund, a fund that is being rapidly depleted, the President proposed that a small increase become effective January 1, 1977 and would cost workers a maximum of $1 a week.

The President has also proposed a catastrophic health insurance program to limit the out-of-pocket amount the elderly people must pay for medical and physician's fees each year.

In November 1975 the President signed Amendments to the Older Americans Act which is intended to deliver coordinated, comprehensive services and meals to the elderly at the community level and to enable older persons to live independent lives in their own homes.

Although all of the problems facing older people have not been resolved, the President feels that a very substantial beginning has been made, and he has pledged:

> to do everything in my power to help our Nation demonstrate by its deeds a deep concern for the dignity and worth of our older persons. By doing so, our Nation will continue to benefit from the contributions that older persons can make to the strengthening of our Nation.

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The President and Mrs. Ford appreciate this opportunity to share their views with you, and they send you their best wishes and warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
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#116 ELDERLY

E.M.O. 6 (Support for the First Family)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 18, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford asked me to thank you for your nice letter.

It always brings the Fords special pleasure to hear from friends like you, and they certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness in taking the time to write.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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