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WILLIAM H. NICHOLLS, JR.
SUITE 401-E WATERS BUILDING
GRAND RAPIDS 2, MICHIGAN

Presidential
Autographs

5-20-75

Dear Phil;

All pictures arrived to-day.
They are just great. So sorry to cause
all the trouble, but sure do thank you.
Nathie and I send our best to
both of you.

Regards.
Bill.



President

*Autograph
policy*

May 14, 1975

To: Mail Room

From: Philip Buchen

Please wrap for mailing.

**Package should be insured
for \$150.**

**(These are prints which
have been autographed by
the President. There is
no glass in the package.)**

Thanks very much.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1975

*President's
Autograph
policy*

Dear Bill:

As Eva told you, we did receive your second set of "Kirtland's Warblers." And we're happy to say that when Eva personally took them to the office which does the inscribing for the President, they immediately recognized that they had a set filed away in a drawer awaiting identification. We are returning that set to you, along with the autopenned set. Sorry for the mix-up, but this is a busy place around here.

Our best to you and Kathy.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. William H. Nicholls, Jr.
Suite 401-E Waters Building
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502



April 30, 1975

To: Anne Kamstra

From: Eva Daughtrey

Some weeks ago, I checked with you about the Michigan bird pictures which William Nicholls had sent to Mr. Buchen for the President to sign. I have checked everywhere and they haven't turned up. So, Mr. Nicholls sent five more pictures.

Would like to have one inscribed to Bill Nicholls and the other four inscribed to Chuck Wiggins

If they could be returned to me, I will mail them back to Mr. Nicholls.

Thanks, loads.





Kirtland's Warbler

DENDROICA KIRTLANDI



William H. Nicholls, Jr.
SUITE 401-B WATERS BUILDING
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49502
PHONE 459-4069

April 25, 1975

Mrs. Eva Doughtrey
2nd. Floor West Wing
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Eva:

The pictures are on their way today. Sure appreciate your help. Hope we can get these back soon.

Thanks,

Bill Nicholls

WHN:nlb

P.S. Thank Phil for his kind offer. Appreciated but no charge involved.

Bill.

arrived

9:30 am 4/29/75



Friday 4/25/75

10:45 Bill Nichols called to say that he now has five more pictures that he is sending -- and will send directly to me to replace the ones which have been lost.



4/2/75 Checked with Dorothy Downton ----- doesn't recognize

Checked with Anne Kamstra; she will check.

Called Bill Nicholls' office; and she will check
with him to see who his friend is. (called to say it was Charles
Wiggins)

Willis in Kamstra's office checking and will call. Indicate nothing.

Beanie Arrington in Marge Wicklein's office to check -- nothing

Called Betty Monkman in Curator's office; she checked in
the storage area of EOB and White House and there is nothing.
(nothing in private storage of the Mansion according to Rex Scouten.

Carolyn Renelli hasn't seen them.

Checked with Ruth Kilmer; she does not remember them.

Also looked through the pictures stacked up in the President's
private study; not there.

Checked Central Files. No knowledge.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Nicholls,
Wm. H.*

April 8, 1975

Dear Bill:

Much to my chagrin, I am unable to find out what happened to the pictures which you asked me to have autographed and returned to you for a friend of yours. I do know that they arrived in my office and I started them through the signing process, but something has gone wrong and they are no longer to be found.

I feel personally responsible for the mishap and I do want you to find out from your friend how the pictures could be replaced so that I could do so for him or at least reimburse him for the expense of replacement.

I was in Grand Rapids last weekend for the Republican Party reception and I am sorry I did not see you, but my understanding is that you and Kathy were enjoying a vacation trip.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. William H. Nicholls, Jr.
Suite 401-E Waters Building
Grand Rapids, Michigan



Wednesday 4/2/75

10:10 I called William Nicholls in Grand Rapids concerning the special pictures to be signed by the President for a friend of his.

(616) 459-4069

He indicates they were very large pictures of birds -- packaged with cardboards -- 25-30 inches square. Had a To and From note on the outside. Tied with blue ribbon

Five pictures of Michigan Pine Tree and Martins????

The man's name is Charles W. Wiggins, and Mr. Nicholls will be seeing him in a couple of weeks and would like to have them at that time.



WILLIAM H. NICHOLLS, JR.
SUITE 401-E WATERS BUILDING
GRAND RAPIDS 2, MICHIGAN

*Nicholls,
William*

March 28, 1975

Mr. Philip Buchen
Council To The President
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Phil:

I am reluctantly writing this letter because I know how busy you are with important matters and to bother you with a detail embarrasses me. You will recall that I sent in some very special pictures for a friend of mine for the purpose of having President Ford's signature placed on them.

In as much as they are expensive and are not mine my concern is greater than if they had been mine. I find I sent them in in December and a phone call to you you advised me that they had been turned over to a lady for processing. In as much as I have not received them would you be nice enough to mention it to her and see if we can get them back.

You and Bunny must have had a wonderful trip and a great experience in Nepal. You and President Ford have certainly been wonderful in the entertainment of Grand Rapids people in Washington. What a thrill for his friends. We all think he is doing a great job with the help of stalwarts such as yourself. Keep up the good work and love to Bunny.

Kind personal regards.

Bill
William H. Nicholls, Jr.

WHN:nlb



RGH

ROBERT HARRIS, INC.

2145 CROOKS RD. - SUITE 204
TROY, MICHIGAN 48084

September 4, 1974

Thank you,

This parcel contains:

Five Kirtland Warblers

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR ORDER!

Please note that we have taken extra care to insure its safe arrival. Every collectors item is an HEIRLOOM for tomorrow and, as such, deserves the best possible treatment.

THANKS, TOO . . .

for the opportunity to add to your collection.

Attached is our order blank for your convenience . . .

(If we have enclosed brochures you already have, please give them to a friend.)

Sincerely,

Robert G. Harris
Robert G. Harris

RGH/sm

Enclosure



Kirtland's Warbler

DENDROICA KIRTLANDI

PLATE No. XIV

Man deliberately sets forest fires for this bird! It is probably the rarest warbler in America. His main diet during the breeding season is a worm peculiar to the young Jack pine forests from six to eighteen feet tall. As a consequence this bird is known to breed only in the north central Michigan Jack Pine woods. These stands are periodically burned so there is always a section within that particular height for the birds to feed in.

They nest in thickets at the base of any large tree in such areas. Three to four dull white eggs are laid which are spotted and blotched mostly around the larger end in hues of brown and grey.

One of the very few tail wagging warblers, it is also quite robin like in many of its mannerisms such as walking and its peculiar pose when singing in the treetops.

We are grateful indeed to the people of Michigan for their efforts to preserve this bird.

Guy C. Scheele

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- Don Richard Eckelberry:* Game birds and birds of the tropics.
- Ray Harm:* Birds, mammals and wildflowers of North America.
- Charles Harper:* Flora and fauna of North America in distinctive abstract designs, reproduced by the artist by the silk screen process.

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CARE OF SILK SCREEN PRINTS

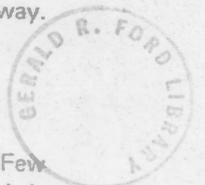
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In effect, quality reproductions and prints should be given the same care as original art.

Additional precautions and information may be obtained from written matter regarding the care and handling of art pictures, or from a reputable framer or dealer.



*Pre.
Auto. Reg.*

(orig to Barry)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 6/7/75

TO: Phil Buchen

FROM: PATRICK E. O'DONNELL

My files show this was referred to
your office on April 17. Have you
any word for Sen. Chiles?



United States Senate

June 3, 1975

Mr. Patrick E. O'Donnell
Special Assistant
to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Pat:

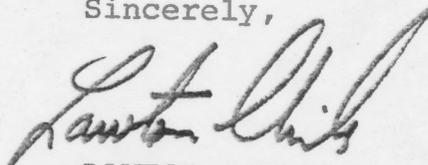
As you will recall, on April 4, 1975, I forwarded to you correspondence I received from Mr. Ronald W. Yankowski, 15555 Darien Way, Clearwater, Florida, 33516, in which Mr. Yankowski requested the signature of the President on a postal card he had designed.

On April 17, 1975, you wrote to me about this matter and advised that you would be in further touch with my office regarding the White House policy on such requests.

I am now enclosing further correspondence from Mr. Yankowski, and as you can see, he is concerned over the length of time this has been pending and I just wanted to pass his comments on to you for further consideration.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I am

Sincerely,


LAWTON CHILES

LC/jda
Enclosure



RONALD W. YANKOWSKI, B. S. (M. S.)

INSURANCE CONSULTANT

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15555 Darien Way
Clearwater, Florida 33516

Telephone (813) 441-4533
(813) 536-905

May 8, 1975

The Honorable Javon Chiles
United States Senate
Washington
District of Columbia 20510

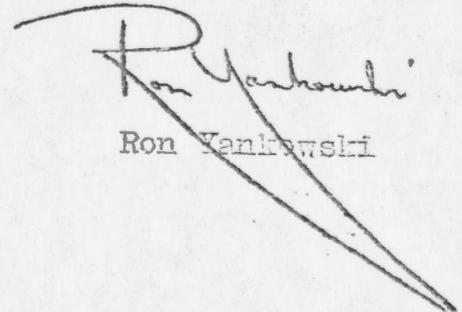
Dear Senator Chiles:

I would like to thank you for forwarding my request to
Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President.

As of this date, I have not received any further information
regarding the President's autograph on the postal card I designed.

I would appreciate any further help that could be rendered
in this matter.

Sincerely,


Ron Yankowski



UNITED LIFE



Gulf Life
INSURANCE COMPANY

*Pres.
Autographs*

June 26, 1975

Dear Frank:

I was happy to have your letter regarding the retirement of Reginald Cooley, Assistant Chief of Police of Santa Barbara. The President asked the Attorney General to send a wire on his behalf to Mr. Cooley for the tribute in his honor on June 20.

In addition, I have obtained the enclosed autographed photograph of the President which you might want to give to Mr. Cooley personally.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Frank E. Thompson
President
California Conservation Association
2800 State Street
Santa Barbara, California 93105

Enclosure: matted color photo of the President inscribed:
"To Reginald Cooley - With best wishes," signed Gerald R. Ford

PWB:Hasek:ck
cc: Eliska Hasek/CF



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Pres.
Autographs*

July 17, 1975

Dear Mr. Crawford:

The President is in receipt of your fourth letter requesting his personal autograph on a photograph.

It is apparent that you fail to appreciate the need for a policy which is equally applied to all persons who make the same request as you have. There are many like you who already have an autograph collection and who want to augment it with a signature of this President personally affixed to his photograph. It is just not possible for the President to respond fairly to all who have this desire, and if he should wait six months, as you have suggested, the problem of affording equal treatment without taking an undue amount of the President's time would still exist.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. William V. Crawford
Municipal Bond Department
LaSalle National Bank
135 South LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60690





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MUNICIPAL BOND DEPARTMENT

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6/26/75

President Gerald Ford
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Ford:

This is my fourth request for your personal autograph on a photograph of yourself.

I have received answers to my previous requests from MacFarland & most recently, Mr. Buchen. As previously explained I own a very extensive collection of authentic autographs of past presidents & vice presidents going back to Andrew Jackson. I have owned this collection since the Truman administration, what I fail to understand is that since I have had the collection, I have written each administration and have been favored with this request.





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MUNICIPAL BOND DEPARTMENT

312/443-2700

I can appreciate the time factor &
even if this request should take
six months before time is available,
I will be more than happy to wait.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Very truly Yours,
William V. Crawford



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 28, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHARLES LEPPERT
FROM: PHIL BUCHEN *P.W.B.*
SUBJECT: Congressional Wives Cook Book

In view of the charitable nature of the Congressional Wives Club and the past association of the President and the First Lady with this organization, I see no problem in the President's autographing the recipe submitted by Mrs. Ford for inclusion in the 1976 edition of the club's cook book. Since this is Mrs. Ford's recipe, it would make more sense if she autographed the recipe.

If you have additional questions in this regard, please don't hesitate to contact me.

cc: Nancy Ruwe



RED TAG

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Policy
Autograph*

July 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN

THRU:

JACK MARSH
MAX FRIEDERSDORF *M.V.*
VERN LOEN *VL*

FROM:

CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CLJr.*

SUBJECT:

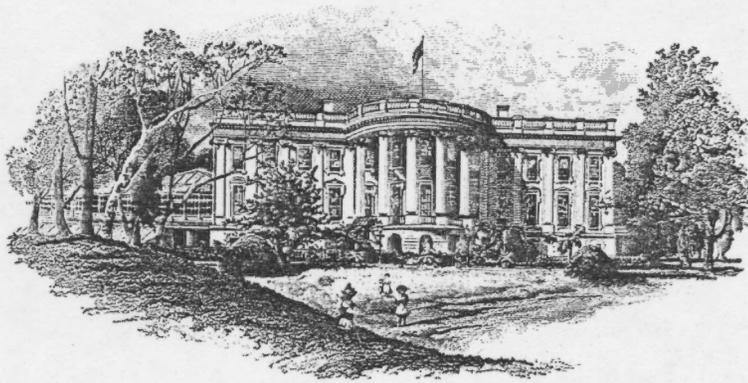
1976 Edition of Congressional Wives
Cook Book

The Congressional Wives Club is planning a 1976 edition of their cook book for purchase in February or March 1976. When Mrs. Ford was an active member of the Club she submitted the attached recipe entitled, "Liver Deluxe", as one of President Ford's favorite dishes.

For the 1976 edition, the Club is asking if the President will sign the attached recipe which the Club will then reproduce and include in each copy of the 1976 edition. Can the President do this for the Congressional Wives Club which is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization? The Congressional Wives Club Cook Book is sold only through the Club itself and the House of Representatives Stationery Room.

cc: Nancy Ruwe





LIVER DELUXE

*1 lb. liver, sliced thin
2 cups brown gravy
sprinkle of parsley
dash of salt, pepper*

*1 large onion, sliced thin
8 pcs. bacon, fried crisp
1/2 cup flour
2 Tbsp. butter*

Melt butter in skillet and saute onion. Dredge slices of liver in flour and brown each side. Pour gravy on liver and season with parsley, salt and pepper to taste. Simmer for 2 minutes and arrange on a serving platter. Place bacon on top of liver. Serves 4.



*Submitted
7/29*

*Pres.
Autograph*

Request: Autographed picture by the Pres.
By: Philip Buchen
To: Mr. K. William O'Connor
Retiring former Deputy Assistant
and Special Counsel for Intell.
Coordination, Dept. of Justice
Inscription: "To Bill O'Connor,
With best wishes and deep
appreciation for your outstanding
service at the Department of
Justice. Jerry Ford"
Please
deliver to: Philip W. Buchen, West Wing



Pres. Autographs

August 4, 1975

Dear Leon:

Your letter requesting the President's signature on the photograph you sent has been received.

I am pleased to pass it on to the President. Although it maybe some time before he can get to the signing, I believe he would be glad to respond.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

The Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr.
Judge
United States District Court
Eastern District of Pennsylvania
5000 United States Courthouse
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Press
photo*

September 8, 1975

Dear Ms. Bailey:

On behalf of the President, thank you very much for your recent letter concerning your forthcoming book.

Regarding your request to use a photograph of the President and yourself on the back cover of the book, once White House photographs have been released they are generally considered to be in the public domain and thus are available for appropriate use without special approval by the White House. However, I trust you will understand that the President cannot take any action which could be construed as an endorsement of a particular commercial product or endeavor. I am sure that any such photographs will be used accordingly.

With the President's best wishes for your success,

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Ms. Pearl Bailey
Pearl Bailey Production Corp.
P. O. Box 52
Northridge, California 91324



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Pres.
Autographs*

September 20, 1975

Dear Mr. Hodges:

Congressman Joe Waggoner has brought to my attention your request for the President's autograph for a fundraising auction, the proceeds from which will be used to support migratory breeding ground protection and improvements in Canada.

I regret I must advise you there is an established policy that the President's name not be lent to fundraising endeavors, regardless of how worthy their cause may be. The number of requests of this nature is so great that, as a matter of fairness, we must decline them all. I trust you understand the need for this policy.

On behalf of the President, I would like to extend his best wishes for the success of these efforts to protect our wildlife.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. A. J. Hodges, III
Chairman, Shreveport Area
Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
P. O. Box 927
Shreveport, Louisiana 71163

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 10, 1975

*Pres.
Autograph*

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN
FROM: BARRY ROTH *BR*
SUBJECT: Pete Secchia Suggestion

Even though all profits would go to the Heart Fund, the attached request from Pete Secchia involves the President in a fund raising and commercial role which we would ordinarily reject.

On the other hand, the President's likeness is in the public domain as are any public statements he has made. I suggest that you or Mildred call Mr. Secchia and advise him that he is free to use the President's picture and any public statements he has made without special authorization from the White House, as long as there is no implication that the President has endorsed or in any way supported this project.

However, it is not possible for the President to sign the placemat. Ideally, the reference to Gordon Food Service would also be removed.



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20001

*Pres.
(Autograph)*

CHAMBERS OF
JUDGE JULIA COOPER MACK

October 22, 1975

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

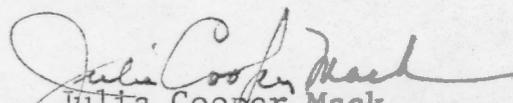
Dear Mr. Buchen:

I interrupt my period of adjustment, as the newest Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, to thank you for your attendance at my investiture in September of this year. I want the President, and you, to know that such thoughtfulness has set the stage for what is proving to be, for me, a fulfilling experience.

Although I neglected to mention this at the ceremony, I would like very much to have a photograph to exhibit along with my Presidential Commission which is hanging now in my Chambers. This display would be singularly meaningful to me since I believe I am the first judge to sit under the provisions of the District Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act.

I am committed to justifying the confidence placed in me.

Sincerely,


Julia Cooper Mack
Associate Judge



The Matthews Group, Inc.

1911 Fort Myer Drive • Suite 902 • Arlington, Virginia 22209 • Telephone (703) 525-5765

November 2, 1975

Dear Phil:

I should appreciate it very much if you could do a favor for me and ask The President to autograph a photograph for me. I would so enjoy having it in my office.

My Middle East business is going extremely well. We are planning to open our Cairo office. I am anxious to see you and brief you on our activities.

Warmest regards.

11/7
Card given to
Michelle.

Sincerely,




*President
Autographs*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 3, 1975

Dear Trudy:

Much to my regret, I cannot honor your request to receive an autograph of the President even though it is for the worthy purpose of a charity auction.

Because of the constant requests of this type, it is necessary for us to apply a common policy to decline such requests. If these are of any value to you, I enclose cards with my signature and Bill Seidman's.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Ms. Trudy Huebner
720 Oakdale Road
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105

Enclosures



President

Autographs

October 27

Dear Phil:

I've asked for some
strong things from you in the
past - but this is a blinger!
A local group is raising funds
for charity by auctioning off
autographs of celebrities (I
have Fleming, Carham, Schenckel,
Esch etc, for example)

Naturally, I have saved
all of Jerry's notes to me but
I dread chopping up these
letters.

On blank pieces of
paper, could I have
Yours, Bill's and Jerry's?
I'd be forever grateful.

* was understand if it's impossible.

Cordially,
Trudy



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Pres.
Autographs*

December 4, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: ELISKA HASEK

FROM:

PHILIP BUCHEN

P.W.B.

I have received a carbon copy of Mildred Leonard's reply of December 1 to Mr. Lanigan.

For your information, I enclose a copy of an earlier memo to Jim Connor from me which refers to the incoming correspondence from Mr. Lanigan.

Attachments



December 1, 1975

Dear Mr. Lanigan,

It is a pleasure to have your recent letter. Naturally, I am glad to know of your complete understanding of the need to use the autopen signature here at the White House, and I am pleased to know that you believe "the Ford policy of honesty even in this small matter reflects well on the man himself."

I regret that I am unable to assist you in obtaining copies of all the autopen signatures used by the President and Mrs. Ford. Unfortunately the signing machines are not in my area of responsibility.

May I suggest that you direct your request to Ms. Eliska Hasek, of the correspondence section in the White House. Ms. Hasek has been in that department through several administrations and I'm sure she will be as helpful as possible. In the event however, that she cannot comply with your request, I am sure she will provide you with a reasonable explanation.

Thank you again for your gracious understanding of our difficulties.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Mildred Leonard
Personal Assistant to
the President

Mr. W. Neale Lanigan, Jr.
Post Office Box 133
Fairview Village, Pennsylvania 19409

ML:km

cc: Mr. Robert E. Hartmann
Mr. Philip Buchen
Dr. James Connor
Mr. Paul Theis

Ms. Eliska Hasek



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Pres. Autographs

November 20, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR

FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.*

In response to the attached, I would prefer to assume that dealers in autographs are able to discriminate between autopenned and personal signatures.

I think it poses an unnecessary burden on the White House to provide the type of assistance sought by this autograph dealer.

Also, it is possible that if we furnish a complete set of autopenned signatures, the document containing such signatures may itself come to have a value and could possibly be reprinted in some publication.

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Phil Buchen -

Would appreciate your comments on
the attached matter.

Jim Connor
11/19/75

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 18, 1975

Dear Mr. Lanigan,

It is a pleasure to have your recent letter. Naturally, I am glad to know of your complete understanding of the need to use the autopen signature here at the White House, and I am pleased to know that you believe "the Ford policy of honesty even in this small matter reflects well on the man himself."

I trust that the following autopen signatures will be helpful to you in serving your customers:

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

(Miss) Mildred Leonard
Personal Assistant to
the President

Mr. W. Neale Lanigan, Jr.
Post Office Box 133
Fairview Village, Pennsylvania 19409



W. NEALE LANIGAN, JR.

Oct. 22, 1975

Autographs

DELL RD., P.O. BOX 133

FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, PA. 19409

(215) 584-4023

Dear Miss Leonard,

First of all let me congratulate the Ford White House for its honesty concerning autopen signatures of the President. As a dealer I have never objected to the use of the autopen by any extremely busy executive, but rather I have always objected to the dishonesty of previous administrations concerning the machine. The Ford policy of honesty even in this small matter reflects well on the man himself. He will certainly get my vote next year.

Would it be possible for me to have copies of all the autopen signatures used by Mr. and Mrs. Ford? I have to be on guard for these for the protection of my customers, and I don't believe I have more than one autopen pattern, and that a very early one. I would certainly appreciate any help you can give me in this matter.

Thank you so much for your kind attention.

Cordially,

Manigan



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Pres.
Autograph
(see
Buchan
personae)*

March 2, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: PHIL BUCHEN *P.*

I call to your attention a minor international crisis.

It appears that Dr. Mildred Scheel, wife of the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, requested the help of Wendi von Staden, wife of the Ambassador to the U. S. from the Federal Republic, to obtain a personal autograph of the President and of Secretary Kissinger.

She wrote to Henry Catto (copy attached) and was assured there would be no difficulty. More recently, Henry has advised Mrs. von Staden that he cannot obtain the President's autograph; and it has been our policy not to bother the President with requests of this type which come in frequently from domestic organizations. While we do furnish autopenned signatures liberally, we advise the recipients that the President's name has been inscribed by an autopen and that, therefore, it probably has little value for auction purposes.

Although the signature is sought on a savings booklet, Mrs. von Staden said that a signature on a piece of White House stationery would suffice. If you think this is important enough to oblige Dr. Scheel, I suggest getting the President's personal signature on a piece of his stationery the next time you are meeting with him.

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 15, 1976

*Pres.
Autograph
(see
Bicentennial)*

MEMORANDUM FOR: BILL KENDALL

FROM: PHIL BUCHEN *P*

Kindly followup on the attached letter to you from Senator Hugh Scott which requests that you arrange with his Special Assistant, Rita Ann Pfeiffer, to have the President's signed authorization (which is also attached) hand delivered to the Senator's office.

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHILIP BUCHEN

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT:

City of Philadelphia Bicentennial
Day Declaration

The President reviewed your memorandum of March 4 on the above subject and signed the attached authorization to permit his signature to be used on Philadelphia's Bicentennial Day Declaration.

cc: Dick Cheney

Text of The Official Bicentennial Declaration of the People of the United States of America:

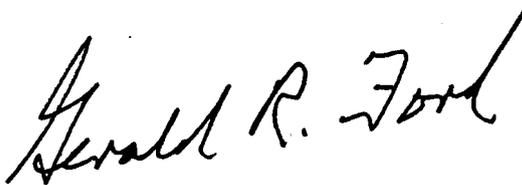
"On the occasion of the Bicentennial Anniversary of the United States of America, we the undersigned do proudly reaffirm our dedication to the principles of Liberty, Justice and Freedom which led our forefathers to proclaim our nation's Independence two hundred years ago, on this day and in this place.

It is our unshakable belief that these principles, applied to the affairs of each generation by a Government which recognizes that it does indeed derive its just powers from the consent of the governed, will continue to secure our rights of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness in the centuries to come as it has in the two centuries gone by."

July 4, 1776 - July 4, 1976
Independence Hall, Philadelphia

I hereby authorize a facsimile of my signature to appear on the Bicentennial Day Declaration.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed word "Signature:".

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1976

Dear Reverend Randall:

Although you requested to have the President's signature on the notes of your sermon delivered on August 11, 1974, I do not believe it would be appropriate to add his signature to what is your own personal document rather than a published text. Therefore, I am returning your notes. I am happy, however, to send you the enclosed autographed photograph of the President which I hope you will enjoy having.

I am delighted to learn of your meeting with my good friend, Paul Goebel, and to learn of your friendship with my former partner, Fritz Hunting.

I send my very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

The Reverend C. Corydon Randall
The Episcopal Church of Fort Wayne
611 West Berry Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Enclosures

*Pres.
Auto.*



May 14, 1976

*Pres.
Autograph*

Dear Mr. Vernon:

As you requested when we were in Detroit,
I am sending on to you a special photograph
of the President.

I very much enjoyed your remarks at the
dinner and I am only sorry that we did
not have more of an opportunity to visit.

Very best regards.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Jackie Vernon
413 North Highland Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90036

Enclosure



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Pres.
Auto.*

May 4, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: ANNE KAMSTRA

FROM: SHIRLEY KEY

P.A.K.

Mr. Jackie Vernon, a noted comedian, has requested an autographed picture of the President.

Mr. Buchen would appreciate your supplying him with a picture and sending it to him (Buchen's Office) for transmittal.

Thanks.

VERNON, Jackie
413 North Highland Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90036

Counsel's Office 5/4/76

Inscription: To Jackie Vernon,
With best wishes

Requested by: Philip W. Buchen



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Pres.
Autographs*

June 25, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BARRY ROTH

FROM: PHIL BUCHEN *P.*

I think I would delete from Anne Kamstra's list
U. S. currency.



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Page 2

To Barry Roth/Office of Mr. Phil Buchen

From Anne Kamstra/Office of Miss Mildred Leonard *ML*

June 24, 1976

What we don't sign...

Pictures and articles which people send in about themselves and have no connection with the President.

Blank sheets of paper and index cards.

Postal covers and stamps without permission from the owner

Certificates and Awards which have the signature of the President on it.

"UP CLOSE" by Bud Vestal

"THE MAN WHO PARDONED NIXON" by Clark Mollenhof



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

To: Barry Roth/Office of Mr. Phil Buchen

From: Anne Kamstra/Office of Miss Mildred Leonard *ML*

June 24, 1976

What we sign...

Presidential Portrait

Pictures of the President with others -- taken by the White House
photographer or by an individual

White House engravings --- mostly for auctions (recipients are told they are
autopenned)

Newspaper pictures of the President

Magazine covers of pictures of the President (Time, Newsweek, etc.)

Copies of the Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights

Tickets, programs, bulletins, nametags...where the President was in attendance

Posters, charts, campaign stickers which have the President's picture on it.

U.S. currency

Books about the President, White House, etc.

School Yearbooks, where he attended or spoke

Masonic Passports

Legislative bills, Public Laws, Committee Reports, for Congressman



Thursday 7/15/76

*Pres-
Autographs*

Currency

4:10 Mildred Leonard wanted you to know that she's
not upset with you -- but with Eliska!



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 15, 1976

FOR: Mr. Philip Buchen
Mrs. Gwen Anderson
Barry Roth
Anne Kamstra

FROM: Mildred Leonard

SUBJECT: Autographing of Currency

Please see below copy of my note to the President and his reply to me.

Mr. President:

May I have a ruling from you regarding whether or not we should autopen U. S. currency.

In July of 1975 I asked Mr. Buchen if it was against the law and received a memo from him saying it was not and therefore we might do it. However, the individual who has charge of the autopen has never been convinced and she has finally persuaded Mr. Buchen to change his mind.

So now, after sending out countless dollar and two-dollar bills autopenned, we are told to discontinue doing so. We have fifty dollars which has been sent in and we have been holding them because of this latest ruling by Mr. Buchen. He now says "it isn't a question of law but a question of policy."

To me, it will be embarrassing to return two-dollar bills to individuals whose neighbors have had theirs signed and tell them now that "it is not White House policy."

*M/ Since no law is violated
I want bills to be signed. I do
it personally when asked as the policy
is to sign.*



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 22, 1975

President -
Autograph
Policy

MEMORANDUM FOR:

ELISKA HASEK

FROM:

PHILIP BUCHEN *P.W.B.*

SUBJECT:

Autographing of Currency

Autographing of currency by the President does not raise a legal problem. 18 U.S.C. 333 prohibits the mutilation, defacement or disfiguration of currency with "the intent to render such bank bill, draft, note, or other evidence of debt, unfit to be reissued...." The Secret Service legal counsel has confirmed that neither this nor any other statute prohibits the autographing of currency. The same is true with respect to savings bonds.

In terms of whether this practice is appropriate, it is my understanding that while a member of Congress, the President adopted a policy to autograph currency. Additionally, the attached bills indicate that the Secretary of the Treasury and the Treasurer of the United States apparently feel that this is not a problem. While I agree with you that we should not encourage cash to be sent to the White House, we do not assume the risk when people send it through the mails. In terms of the risk, it is unlikely that people will send in bills of large denominations. Finally, I see no difference between using the autopen on a dollar bill or a picture.

While I appreciate your concerns, I, therefore, defer to Mildred Leonard as to what policy the President wishes to adopt in this area.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 16, 1975

Phil,

Just as the attached memo was being sent out to you this morning, this \$200 savings bond was sent over from Anne Kamstra's office.



Eliska Hasek



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUCHEN

Phil, to my knowledge paper money sent to the White House in previous administrations for autographing by the President has always been returned to the sender with a note that it is not appropriate for the President to do this.

I note that the attached memo from Mildred says that your office has informed her that it is absolutely not illegal. My question to you is whether it is appropriate. There are many requests of this type. So far the number has been somewhat kept down because the response has always been negative. If we start doing this, however, many individuals will start sending in not just one dollar bills, but bills of higher denomination. We risk problems of lost or misplaced money, complaints by people that the signature is not real, etc. I think that, before the long-standing policy we have followed is reversed, we should think about some of these potential problems and see if it is really worth it. Couldn't we instead return the money and send them an autographed photo?


Eliska Hasek

Atts.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

To Eliska Hasek
From Anne Kamstra
July 14, 1975

Please autograph the enclosed dollar bills.

-- per Mildred Leonard and Phil Buchen

Thank you
Anne



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: Anne

FROM: MILDRED LEONARD

FOR: Information _____

Appropriate Handling _____

Anne - please have these autographed. I have checked with Mr. Buchen's office and I am told that it is absolutely not illegal, and whether or not it was former White House policy doesn't make any difference.

DATE: 7/11/78



Please autopen for John T. Vivian



Please autopen for:

Clarence E. Ziegler, Jr.



Please autograph this bond for: Catherine D. Bellinger.

We have routed it through the Legal Office and they say there is nothing illegal about signing a Savings Bond.



UNITED STATES SAVINGS BOND

200

1776 BICENTENNIAL 1976

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AT THE ORIGINAL MATURITY HEREOF WILL PAY
TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS

To **CATHERINE O. BELLINGER** [REDACTED]
OR
CRISTIAN M. BELLINGER
P.O. BOX 1113
GALLUP, NEW MEXICO 87301

200

ISSUE DATE
WHICH IS THE FIRST DAY OF
JUNE 1975
(MONTH) (YEAR)

FIRST STATE
BANK AGENT'S

DATING STAMP
JUN 20 1975

GALLUP, NEW MEX.

SERIES E

THIS BOND IS ISSUED UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED STATES SAVINGS BOND ACT, AS AMENDED, AND IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED ON THE REVERSE HEREOF. IT WILL BE VALID ONLY IF DULY INSCRIBED AND DATED, AND DELIVERED BY AN AUTHORIZED AGENT FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF PAYMENT THEREFOR.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

William E. French
Secretary of the Treasury

[REDACTED]

*President
Autographs*

• Newport got into a tizzy when it learned who Louis de Vautourneaux really was. The slender, well-dressed 17-year-old French lad kept his true identity a secret until his American hosts Bruce and Joy Sundlun took him a week ago Saturday from the Dunès Club at Narragansett to see Newport. That's when Diane Brown, French wife of Captain Nicholas Brown, glimpsed him and called him by his right name — Louis Giscard d'Estaing. Janet Auchincloss invited him over to Hammersmith Farm that afternoon and dinner invitations began to pour in.

It all came about when French Ambassador Jacques Kosciusko-Morizet called Bruce and told him the French president's son wanted to come to America for a month, was crazy about racehorses, wanted to work in a bank and see something of the U.S. The Sundluns invited him to their Salamander farm at The Plains, Va. and he worked with racehorses at Paul Fout's nearby place, going to Delaware Park with Paul Fout and Virginia Guest van Alen. After seeing the Democratic convention — and attending the VIP Ladies breakfast at Bloomingdale's with Joy Sundlun — he went to Montreal to see the Olympics and stayed with Tracy Sundlun who was coaching the track and field team from Antigua. On a visitor's visa he worked for free at a Rhode Island bank for two weeks, flying back home last Tuesday. He just missed pulling the whole thing off.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 18, 1976

Dear Louis:

It gives me much pleasure to send you the enclosed photograph taken when you visited the White House and had a meeting with President Ford in the Oval Office.

Mrs. Buchen and I trust you thoroughly enjoyed your entire visit to our country. We were most delighted to meet you while you were here and were only sorry that illness in the Sundlun family prevented your return for an evening with us at the Kennedy Center.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Philip Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Louis Giscard d'Estaing
c/o The Embassy of France
2535 Belmont Road, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20008

Enclosure

*d'Estaing,
Louis
Giscard*



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Sundlun,
Bruce*

August 7, 1976

Dear Bruce:

Enclosed is a photograph taken on the occasion of our gathering in the Oval Office when Louis was here. I have another print which will be sent to Louis as soon as it is inscribed from the President, but I assume we will have to send it to him in France.

I am very sorry about your father's illness. I know the situation must be very trying for you as well, and my heartfelt sympathy is with you.

Very warmest regards.

Sincerely,

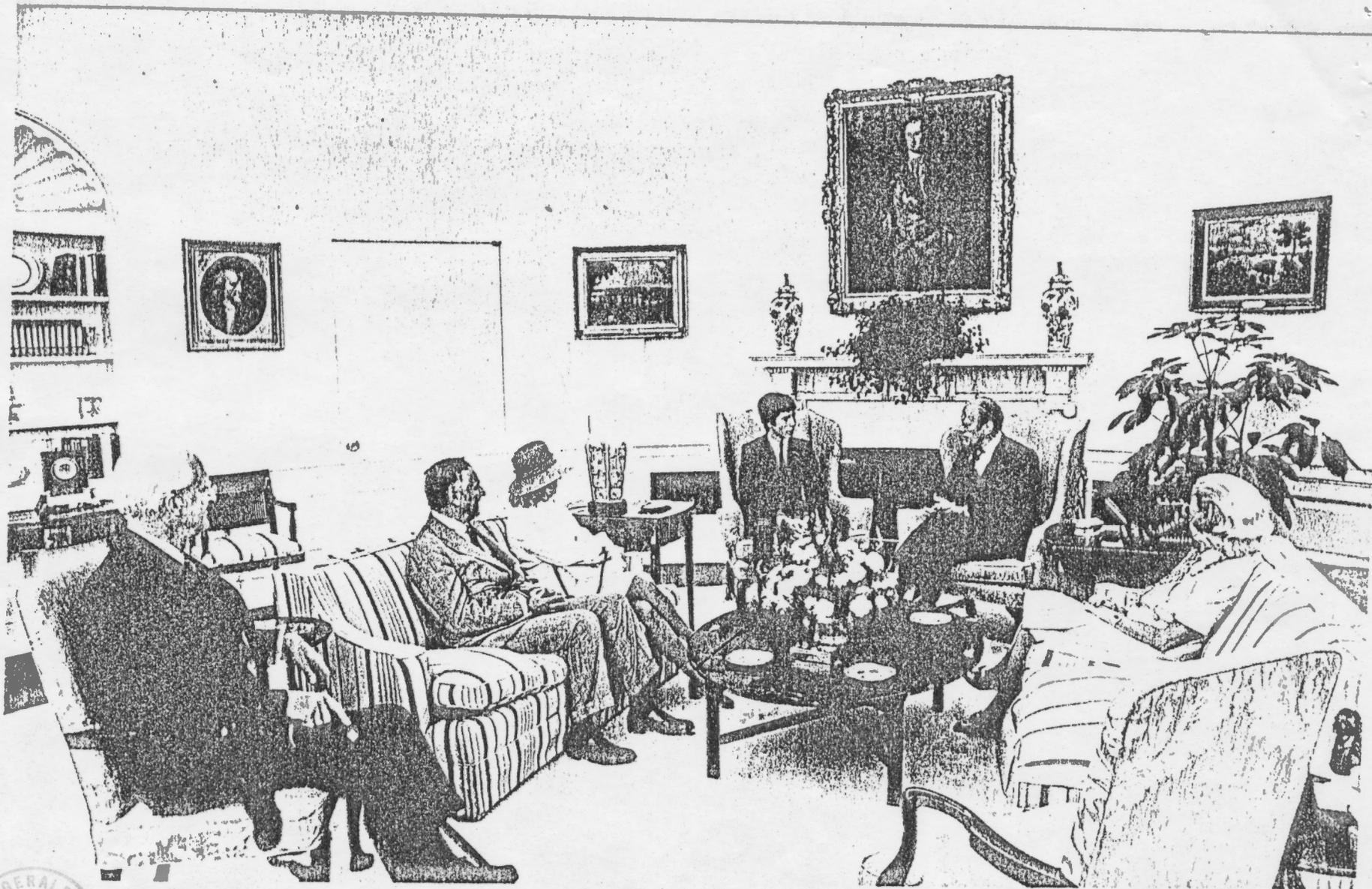


Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Bruce G. Sundlun
Sundlun, Tirana & Scher
Watergate 600 Building
Suite 715
Washington, D. C. 20037

Enclosure





To Louis Giscard d'Estaing
With my very best wishes,

Gerald R. Ford



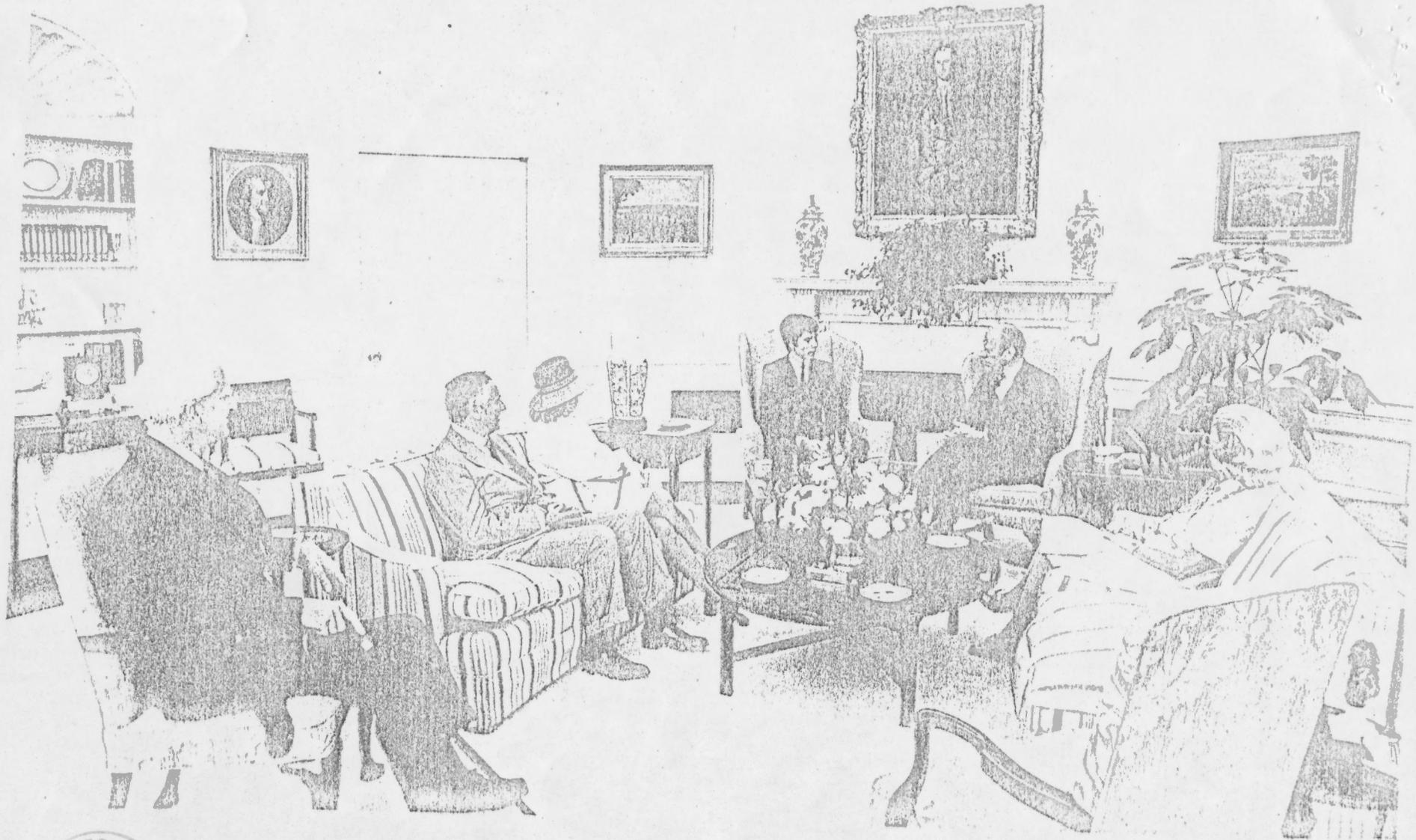
d'Estaing, Louis Giscard
Son of the French President

Philip W. Buchen 8/7/76 (Please return to us)

Inscription: To Louis Giscard d'Estaing
with my very best wishes
(Mr. Buchen would like the
President to personally sign)

pett





16 July 76 B0710-17

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 23, 1976

TO: Mr. Dan Spaulding
White House Frame Shop
Room 49 EOB

FROM: Eva Daughtrey *Eva*

Mr. Buchen would like to have the attached photo matted so he can take it in to the President for an autograph.

We would greatly appreciate it if it could be expedited as Mr. Buchen needs it as soon as possible.

Thank you.



9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 21, 1976

Ellen Jones from Presidential Records called re a copy of the briefing paper prepared for the President who met with a guest from France last Friday.

Attached is a copy. Do you want to release the attached as is?

Yes for diary - MR.

Ellen x 7030
Rm. 168

7/22

Copy sent.



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Lunch & Tour

Thursday 7/15/76

*7/16/76
11:45*

3:10 Mr. Buchen said he will have a guest tomorrow -- Luis de Vautourneaux. Bruce Sundlun is being his American host.

Mr. Buchen has arranged with Mike Farrell to provide him with a tour about 1:45 p.m. Friday 7/16.

He has arranged with Terry O'Donnell to have him meet the President immediately following the President's greeting of the interns. The meeting with Vautourneaux will be in one of the rooms at the Mansion.

Vautourneaux will arrive around noon. He will be with Bruce Sundlun or Joy. I'm to bring him into the West Lobby and up to our office. Mr. Buchen will be back shortly from his speech.

(((Mr. Buchen advises that Bruce and Joy will be coming. Mrs. Buchen is trying to change her hair appointment.)))

Lunch at 12:30 or 12:45??????

*Meeting with the President
about 12:45*

*Mike gave them a tour
about 2:00*

