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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DON RUMSFELD

FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN

P.W.B.

SUBJECT: Status of Wolf Fur Coat

Because this gift has been sent on to Vail ahead of your arrival, I have been asked to consider the question as to what use, if any, should be made of it while you are in Vail.

My recommendations are that you either:

(1) Avoid use of the coat until such time as you adopt a general policy governing gifts to the President and his family from domestic sources, or

(2) Make use of the coat on the understanding that, if your policy precludes holding this item as a permissible gift, you would pay for its purchase at the prevailing price.