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#### THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT HAS SET

Dear Mrs. Ford,

Were this not Grand Rapids, I would automatically decline it. However, because it is Grand Rapids, I thought you might want to take a look at it. This is a request by Reverend Stutts of Wood Brook Cathedral to present to you a quilt and Christmas card with over 3,000 signatures on it. I frankly think the timing is a little off now, however, I pass it along for your

consideration.

Receive Reverend Stutts for quilt and card with signatures

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Thank you,

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GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. 49508 December 13, 1974

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The President The White House Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter which was dated November 27th., 1974. Since a period of over two weeks time has elapsed I thought it wise to send this copy in case the orginial letter or your reply was lost in the mail or misplaced in the Christmas rush.

We now have over 3,000 personal signatures of your friends in the Grand Rapids area and are acquiring more daily. The Christmas Card reads "Merry Christmas to our President Jerry Ford". I would like to present these signatures along with the quilt at your convenience.

Respectfully yours Stutts

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3797 28th STREET SOUTH EAST

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. 49508

November 27, 1974

The President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to present to you a gift from many of your friends in the Grand Rapids area. It is an orginal Hand Made Quilt which is over nine (9) foot in length and seven (7) foot in width. It was hand made by about twent, -five ladies of The Ladies Friendship Circle of Wood Brook Cathedral of Grand Rapids. All fifty States are quilted on squares which make up the quilt. Each square shows the major citles and each State is boarded with the State Flower. It took the ladies over three years to collect the materials for this quilt and about 2 months to quilt it. I must say the quilt is unusual and beautiful. The ladies did a lovely job. I am sure you will like it.

We are putting the quilt on display in Woodland Mall and North Kent Mall for your friends to see. They will also sign Christmas Cards which have been specially printed for this occasion. We are expecting hundreds of signatures for you.

I would like the privilege of presenting this quilt to you personally on behalf of your friends from Grand Rapids, along with their personal signatures. If you could arrange for a presentation date at your convenience either in Washington D.C. or in Grand Rapids, Michigan before Christmas I would be most greatful.

Please be assured of our prayers and continued support.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. J.B. Stutts

JBS/ejl

### THE WHITE HOUSE

#### WASHINGTON

January 27, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

SUSAN PORTER

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

> -- I believe Rev. Stutts should be received.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld Warren Rustand