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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 18, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHILIP W. BUCHEN

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*

The President reviewed your memorandum of November 16 concerning the letter from Bob Fleming of the University of Michigan and made the following notation:

"Betty is most excited and pleased.

Time schedule seems OK. Presumably we would leave here in A. M. of 19th to get to Ann Arbor in ample time."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney
Bill Nicholson


THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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Attached for delivery to Betty is a letter from Bob Fleming of the University of Michigan. He points out that the letter fails to reflect the strong desire and enthusiasm on the part of the Regents to award Betty the proposed honorary degree, and Bob wanted me to pass on that message. He also points out that a majority of the Regents are Democrats and that the idea for offering the degree originally came from one of them.

Regarding your tentative plans to make a stop in Ann Arbor for the commencement exercises on your trip to Vail, I have checked with Bill Gulley of the Travel Office about the time when you would have to depart from Michigan for Grand Junction. He advises that AFL should take off from Detroit not later than 2:30 p.m. EST. Accordingly, the University would like to hold the commencement exercises beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon, rather than 2:00 p.m. as they had originally planned. The commencement is to be held at Hill Auditorium. It probably will be preceded by a luncheon at the Michigan League attended by the Board of Regents with you and Betty as the guests of honor.

If the exercises begin at 1:00 p.m., you and Betty could depart by 1:30 p.m., even though the ceremony would not be completely over. Bob Fleming suggests that you and Betty sit together on the platform and that you leave together after her honorary degree has been awarded.

If these arrangements are satisfactory or if you have any other suggestions, please let me know so that I can call Bob.

Attachment

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR 48104

ROBBEN W. FLEMING
PRESIDENT

November 15, 1976

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Ford:

On recommendation of the faculty and by action of the Regents of The University of Michigan, I am pleased to invite you to be the University's official guest at its Commencement Exercises on Sunday, December 19, 1976. It would be our pleasure at that time to confer upon you the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws, in recognition of your distinguished achievements.

I hope you will be able to accept this invitation and that you can be present at the Commencement Exercises, since, by University custom, honorary degrees are not conferred in absentia. The members of our University community would be delighted to have you with us for this special occasion.

I look forward to your early reply.

Sincerely,


R.W. Fleming

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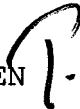
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