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339 Thomas Jefferson

JOHN TRUMBULL 1756-1843

Miniature in oil on board 1738

Lent by the Istituto "Maria SS. Smbina," Lodi

John Trumbull spent two months of the winter of 1787-1788 as a guest in Jefferson's Paris residence, the Hôtel de Langeac, painting portraits of the French officers for his depiction of the surrender at Yorktown, and also the portrait of his host onto the canvas of the original version of his *Declaration of Independence*. It was early in this Paris stay that Trumbull introduced Jefferson to two painters from London, Richard and Maria Cosway, and thus set in motion the celebrated struggle between Jefferson's "Head and . . . Heart." The Lodi miniature is a replica painted expressly for Maria Cosway from the life portrait in Trumbull's *Declaration*. Mrs. Cosway had asked Jefferson, just after Trumbull's return to London early in March 1788, to give the painter "leave to make a Coppy." This miniature and another taken from the original by Angelica Schuyler Church were in their hands by July 1788. That September William Short, knowing of these two replicas, suggested that Trumbull "do a very clever gallant thing": "Send a copy of the same to Miss Jefferson." Thus three replicas of the miniature were made that year. But the earliest of these, the Lodi miniature, is painted with a freedom granted only a confident painter while executing a commission for another artist whose work he admired. It is also the work of a painter clearly aware of the remarkable attachments between Jefferson and Mrs. Cosway.

Not only does this miniature commemorate the most extraordinary friendship of Jefferson's life, it also immediately brings to mind the familiar life portrait—Jefferson with unpowdered hair, in the costume of the earlier decade, towering above his associates in the presentation of the *Declaration of Independence*—the preeminent icon of Jefferson's imposing position in the birth of the nation. A.B.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 4, 1976

ACCEPTANCE OF BICENTENNIAL GIFT FROM
MRS. VITTORIA MICHITTO LEONE
WIFE OF PRESIDENT OF ITALY

Tuesday, September 7, 1976
4:30 - 4:45 p.m. (15 minutes)
The East Garden

From: Milton E. Mitler *W*

I. PURPOSE

To receive from the people of Italy a miniature painting of Thomas Jefferson. The painting will be presented by the wife of the President of Italy, Mrs. Vittoria Michitto Leone.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background: During this Bicentennial year, countries throughout the world have been giving gifts to the United States in commemoration of our Nation's 200th anniversary. Italy, in addition to loaning the Venus de Medici for display in the "Eye of Jefferson" Exhibition at the National Gallery of Art, and the La Scala Opera which is appearing now at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, as well as other exhibits, will give to the Nation a miniature portrait of Thomas Jefferson by the American artist John Trumball (1756-1843).

1. The Thomas Jefferson miniature, which has been on display as a part of the "Eye of Jefferson" exhibit, is the first and best of the three done of our third President by the artist. It is oil on wood and was painted in 1788 in Paris.

2. Trumball painted a life study of Jefferson which he later used in his famous "Signing of the Declaration of Independence".
3. The miniature portrait was a gift to Maria Cosway, a close friend of Jefferson's. Maria Cosway later founded a convent school in Lodi, Italy, where the miniature has hung ever since, and for this reason it is often referred to as the "Lodi Miniature".
4. The Italian government acquired the painting from the convent for presentation to the United States. This is one of very few portraits for which Jefferson posed.
5. The portrait will be presented at ceremonies in the East Garden following the serving of tea in the Yellow Oval Room. Counsellor John O. Marsh, Jr., who has had a prime responsibility for the Bicentennial in the White House, will open the presentation event with a few remarks and then introduce Mrs. Leone for the presentation.
6. The gift should be accepted on behalf of the Nation, as are all Bicentennial gifts.

B. Participants: List to be supplied by Maria Downs.

C. Press Plan: Full press coverage.

III. TALKING POINTS - To be supplied by NSC.



Sheila

THE WHITE HOUSE

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September 2, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO:

MARIA DOWNS

FROM:

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JEANNE W. DAVIS *WJD*

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

NOTE FOR:

Sheila Weberfeld

FROM:

RON NESSEN

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PRESS GUIDANCE

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FACT SHEET Mrs. Ford's Office

Event Tea
 Group for Mrs. Leone, wife of the President of Italy
 DATE/TIME September 7, 1976 4:00 p.m.
 Contact Pat Howard Phone 2927
 Number of guests: Total 6 - 8 Women x Men x Children
 Place Yellow Oval Room - Presentation of Gift to follow in the East Garden, weather permitting
 Principals involved Mrs. Ford
 Participation by Principal yes (Receiving line) no (receive informally)
 Remarks required yes
 Background Mrs. Ford will accept on behalf of our Nation one of Italy's Bicentennial gifts from Mrs. Leone.

REQUIREMENTS

Social: Guest list yes (Social Entertainments Office will distribute)
 Invitations no Programs no Menus no
 Refreshments yes (coffee, iced tea, tea sandwiches and pastries)
 Entertainment no
 Decorations/flowers yes
 Music no
 Social Aides no
 Dress Business Suit - Short Dresses for the Ladies Coat check yes ?
 Other --

Press: Reporters Yes
 Photographers Yes
 TV Crews ?
 White House Photographers yes Color yes Mono.
 Other --

Technical Support: Microphones yes PA Other Rooms no
 Recording yes
 Lights yes
 Transportation cars (Southwest Gate)
 Parking South Grounds
 Housing --
 Other -- (Risers, stage, platforms) yes

Project Co-ordinator Pat Howard Phone 2927

Site diagrams should be attached if technical support is heavy.

MRS. FORD'S REMARKS
BICENTENNIAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY

MRS. LEONE
September 7, 1976

THANK YOU, MRS. LEONE,
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THIS VERY SPECIAL TREASURE.



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THANK YOU AGAIN.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MRS. FORD:

Event: Tea with Mrs. Vittoria Michitto Leone, wife of the President of Italy, followed by a Bicentennial Presentation Ceremony

Date/Time: September 7, 1976 4:00 p. m.

Sequence of
Events:

3:50 p. m. Your guests, except Mrs. Leone and party, will arrive through the Diplomatic Reception Room and will be escorted to the Yellow Oval Room.

3:55 p. m. Maria Downs will escort you to the Diplomatic Reception Room where you will wait for the arrival of Mrs. Leone.

NOTE: Mrs. Leone will be accompanied by Ambassador and Mrs. Roberto Gaja and the Minister of Entertainment and Tourism, Dario Antoniozzi.

4:00 p. m. Mrs. Leone, Ambassador and Mrs. Gaja, and Mr. Antoniozzi will arrive through the Southwest Gate. You will greet in front of the entrance to the Diplomatic Reception Room.

4:05 p. m. You will escort Mrs. Leone to the Second Floor via elevator and proceed to the Yellow Oval Room where you will join your guests for tea.

4:25 p. m. After the tea, you will escort Mrs. Leone and guests to the East Garden via elevator where you will proceed to a platform for the presentation of one of Italy's Bicentennial gifts to our Nation.



NOTE: Jack Marsh will make opening remarks and Mrs. Leone will then make the presentation followed by your remarks and thank you.

Following the ceremony, you will escort Mrs. Leone and guests to the Diplomatic Reception Room and bid farewell.

You will return to the Family Quarters.

NOTES:

A White House photographer will be present.

There will be press coverage of your greeting Mrs. Leone in front of the Diplomatic Reception Room and of the Presentation Ceremony in the East Garden; there will be no press coverage of your tea in the Yellow Oval Room.

Biographical information is attached.

Pat Howard



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WASHINGTON

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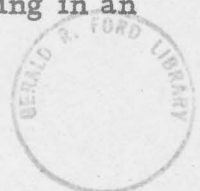
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For Immediate Release
Friday, September 3, 1976

THE WHITE HOUSE
OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY TO MRS. FORD

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Mrs. Leone will present Mrs. Ford a portrait of Thomas Jefferson, the Lodi miniature. The painting, one of Italy's Bicentennial gifts to America, is one of the few portraits for which Jefferson posed.

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The presentation will be open to press.
Pickup in press lobby at 3:45 p.m.



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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- ITALY HAS GIVEN TO THE UNITED STATES, AS A BICENTENNIAL GIFT, A MINIATURE PORTRAIT OF THOMAS JEFFERSON.

VITTORIA LEONE, WIFE OF THE ITALIAN PRESIDENT, PRESENTED THE PORTRAIT YESTERDAY TO BETTY FORD AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

THE PORTRAIT, ONE OF THE FEW FOR WHICH JEFFERSON POSED, WAS PAINTED BY JOHN TRUMBULL AND WAS FOUND IN LODI, ITALY.

MRS. FORD CALLED IT A "SPECIAL TREASURE" AND A "UNIQUE MEMENTO OF FRIENDSHIP" BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ITALY.

- 11 -

WASHINGTON (UPI)





FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley and Shirley Dykes, who have announced their plans to be married.

Miss Dykes is a Prince Georges County elementary school teacher.

Associated Press

Personalities

FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley, who received a vote of confidence from President Ford in Kansas City Saturday, sent some good news of his own back to Washington that evening—a surprise announcement that he and Shirley Dykes, a former nun who now teaches in a Prince Georges County elementary school, will be married.

Kelley, whose first wife, Ruby, died of cancer in November, said he has known Miss Dykes only five or six months, but added that she had helped "fill the void that came about upon the loss of my wife."

Speaking at the annual Mexican Festival sponsored by Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Kelley called Miss Dykes "a lovely lady who is a lovely person and one who has consented to be my wife." According to a parish priest, Kelley was invited to the festival because he is a former police chief of Kansas City. He is still a member of that city's Country Club Christian Church.

Miss Dykes, a native of Miami who lives at the Watergate complex here, resigned six years ago from the order of the Sisters of the Holy Cross after 15 years of service. She holds a masters degree in Latin American history from Catholic University.

"We're not going to have a large wedding," Miss Dykes said in Kansas City. She refused to reveal her age, and the couple did not announce a wedding date.

President Ford said Saturday that Kelley's acceptance of gifts from subordinates "clearly fell" within the limits of government regulations.

And an FBI spokesman said yesterday that he really didn't know if the bureau had run a check on Miss Dykes before Director Kelley announced the marriage plans.

That's a very tough question," the spokesman said.

Vittoria Leone, the wife of Italian

president Giovanni Leone, will present an 18th-century painting of Thomas Jefferson to Betty Ford on Tuesday as part of the Italian observance of the Bicentennial. Mrs. Leone is here with the Milanese opera company La Scala, which will begin its first United States engagement at the Kennedy Center Tuesday night.

A Mobile man who waited 20 hours in line for front row seats to an Elvis Presley concert had his patience rewarded Sunday, when the singer handed him a diamond ring valued at \$2,000.

Tommy Milham, 33, was about to be given one of Presley's scarves by an aide, when the fan started shouting that he wanted one of Elvis's rings. The singer shrugged, reached over the grasping hands of other fans and handed the ring to Milham.

In animal news this weekend, Loren Leggett reported that three goose eggs and a duck egg sat on by one of his hens hatched out thinking they were chickens. "They go down to the pond and drink water, but they won't go in," he says. . . . In Sacramento, a mule, ridden by Viri Norton of San Jose, is leading in a 3,000-mile horse race. . . . and in Oregon, 19-year-old Mike Shook says a shark stole his surfboard from under him. The board now has teeth marks an inch and a half deep. Shook is grateful he does not.

Singer Glen Campbell married the ex-wife of singer Mao Davis on Friday. . . . singer Donny Osmond is resting at home after a bout with food poisoning. . . . Maj. Gen. John P. Flynn, who was the senior U.S. war prisoner in North Vietnam, has been promoted to Lt. Gen. . . . Chicago Daily News Washington correspondent Peter Lisagor will receive the 1976 William Allen White Foundation Award.

—Tom Zito





By Linda Wheeler—The Washington Post

Donna Vittoria Leone and Betty Ford.

Personalities

Former Beatle George Harrison was found guilty yesterday in New York of "subconsciously" plagiarizing the 1962 John Mack tune "He's So Fine" for Harrison's 1970 hit record, "My Sweet Lord."

Federal Judge Richard Owen, a composer himself, ruled that Harrison was guilty of copyright infringement, although the judge concluded, "I do not believe he did so deliberately."

Owen scheduled Nov. 8 for trial on the issue of damages in the lawsuit brought against Harrison by Bright Tunes Music Corp., which owns the copyright to "He's So Fine."

"It is clear," the judge said, "that 'My Sweet Lord' is the very same song as 'He's So Fine.' This is, under the law, infringement of copyright and is no less so even though subconsciously accomplished."

First Lady Betty Ford received a small likeness of Thomas Jefferson from Donna Vittoria Leone, wife of the president of Italy, yesterday in the Jacqueline Kennedy Rose Garden at the White House.

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The Italian government bought it from the convent in Lodi, Italy, where it has been hanging for nearly 200 years.

The convent, which was established by Maria Cosway, artist friend of Jefferson, had lent the portrait to the Jefferson exhibit here.

Maria Cosway, wife of Richard Cosway, an artist like herself, had been introduced to Jefferson in Paris by John Trumbull, the artist who painted the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Mrs. Cosway liked the figure of Jefferson in the Declaration portrait so much that she got Trumbull to make her a small 3-by-5-inch copy of it. After her husband's death, she took the Jefferson portrait to the

convent she founded in Italy. Over the years, she and Jefferson corresponded. He wrote her the famous head-and-heart letter which is now in the Library of Congress.

Folk singer-composer Harry Chapin was arrested yesterday on three traffic violations, Nassau County police reported. Police said the 33-year-old Chapin was charged with speeding on the Seaford-Oyster Bay expressway in Plainview, N.Y., driving with a suspended license and falsifying the registration for his new camper van.

Police said Chapin's operator's license was suspended last December, but they did not know the reason for the suspension. They said he had also given an incorrect birth date in filing an application for the registration.

Record producer Lou Adler, who discovered the singing group "Mommias and Poppas," was kidnaped from his beach-front home by a man and woman and later released unharmed after a \$25,000 ransom was paid, authorities disclosed yesterday.

The alleged kidnaping came to light with the arraignment yesterday afternoon of Sandor Nagy, 38, and Veronica Franovich, 26, on multiple felony counts in connection with the case. Sheriff Peter Pitches said a third, unidentified suspect, is being sought.

Susan Ford, 19-year-old daughter of President and Mrs. Gerald Ford, helped Maryland's Washington County celebrate its 200th birthday on Monday by riding in an anniversary parade in Hagerstown. A crowd of 10,000 applauded as Miss Ford rode in a 19th-century carriage behind two horses through the streets of downtown Hagerstown as the "Belle of Washington County Bicentennial Parade."

Beside her in the green carriage was Rep. Gilbert Gude (R-Md.). She left the parade before its end and returned to the White House by limousine.



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