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THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

September 24, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD

Subject: Gift Exchange during the Visit of
His Excellency Jose Lopez Portillo,
President-Elect of Mexico and
Mrs. Lopez Portillo, on Friday,
September 24, 1976

We have learned that the President-Elect of Mexico and Mrs. Lopez Portillo will present to you and Mrs. Ford a photograph of themselves. I suggest that you reciprocate with a photograph taken prior to the informal dinner at the White House on Friday, September 24, 1976.

The following is a suggested inscription:

To His Excellency
The President-Elect of Mexico
and Mrs. Lopez Portillo

With best wishes,

Gerald R. Ford
September 24, 1976

Betty Ford



Shirley Temple Black

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Ambassador

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INFORMAL—Mexico's President-elect Jose Lopez Portillo hugs protocol chief Shirley Temple Black after she welcomed him to Washington.

AP Wirephoto

Ford Meets Next Mexico President

From Reuters

WASHINGTON—President Ford Friday met Mexican President-elect Jose Lopez Portillo for an hour at the White House.

The president-elect, who will be sworn in on Dec. 1, ar-

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(U.S.-MEXICO)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT-ELECT JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO OF MEXICO WILL VISIT PRESIDENT FORD AT THE WHITE HOUSE FOR TALKS AND DINNER FRIDAY, WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID TODAY.

NESSEN TOLD REPORTERS SUCH PRE-INAUGURATION MEETS BETWEEN A MEXICAN LEADER AND THE SITTING U.S. PRESIDENT HAVE BECOME A MODERN TRADITION.

PORTILLO, ELECTED JULY 4 AND TO TAKE OFFICE DEC. 1, WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, NESSEN SAID.

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