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Mr. and Mrs. Leon W. Parma of La Jolla, California are friends of long-standing of the President and Mrs. Ford. This is the ninth year they have spent the Easter week together on the desert.

Mr. Parma, a fourth generation Californian, lives in La Jolla with his wife Barbara. They have four children. Mrs. Parma, the former Barbara Bennet, is the great-granddaughter of John Guthrie McCallum, the founder of Palm Springs. She is the grandniece of the late Pearl McCallum McManus, who was one of the pioneers in the development of the Palm Springs desert area.

Mr. Parma is Chairman of the Board of La Jolla Bank and Trust Company, and a Group Executive of Teledyne, Inc., with offices in San Diego.

He is a graduate of San Diego State University (1951) where he majored in Economics and Political Science. He was a varsity quarterback for three years. He served in the United States Navy during World War II.

The family is a member of St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church of La Jolla.

Mr. Parma serves in the following organizations:

- President of the Board of Trustees of The Bishop's Schools for Boys and Girls in La Jolla, California;
- Trustee of The Bishop's Schools for the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego;
- a Trustee of the McCallum Desert Foundation, Palm Springs;
- a member of the Commission of the Californias (by appointment of the Governor);
- a member of the Committee of Management of the San Diego Armed Services Y. M. C. A. ;
- a member of the San Diego State University Advisory Board;
- a member of the Board of Directors of the San Diego Symphony Association;
- a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity.