

The 2019 Canadian Election: Issues and Impact for Michigan

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**Canadian Consul
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- Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada (2012 – 2015)
- Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons (2011 – 2012)
- Member of Parliament for Windsor – Tecumseh (2000 – 2015)

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 - American politics
 - Foreign perceptions of American politics

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Greenwood**

**Canadian American
Business Council**



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Canadian Ambassador Marcel Cadieux Presenting
1976 Montreal Summer Olympics Commemorative
Coins to President Ford in the Oval Office
October 15, 1974



The President
requests the pleasure of the company of
at dinner
on Wednesday, December 4, 1974
at 7:30 o'clock



State Visit and Dinner in Honor of Prime Minister Trudeau December 4, 1974

On the occasion of the visit of
The Right Honorable
Pierre Elliott Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada





DINNER

*Robert Mondavi
Pinot Noir
1971* Romaine Soup
Cheese Straws

*Roast Prime Ribs of Beef
Onion and Celery Amandine
Broccoli Timbale*

*Endive and Watercress Salad
Brie Cheese*

*Mirassou
au Naturel
1970* Hazelnut Mousse

Demitasse

*THE WHITE HOUSE
Wednesday, December 4, 1974*

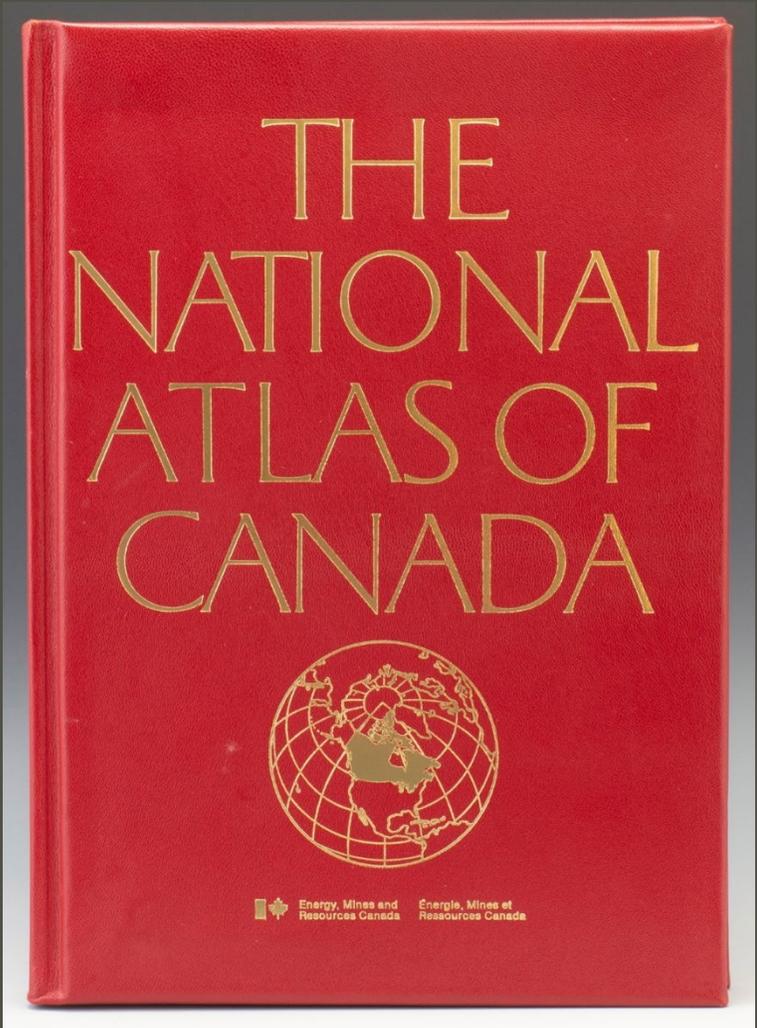
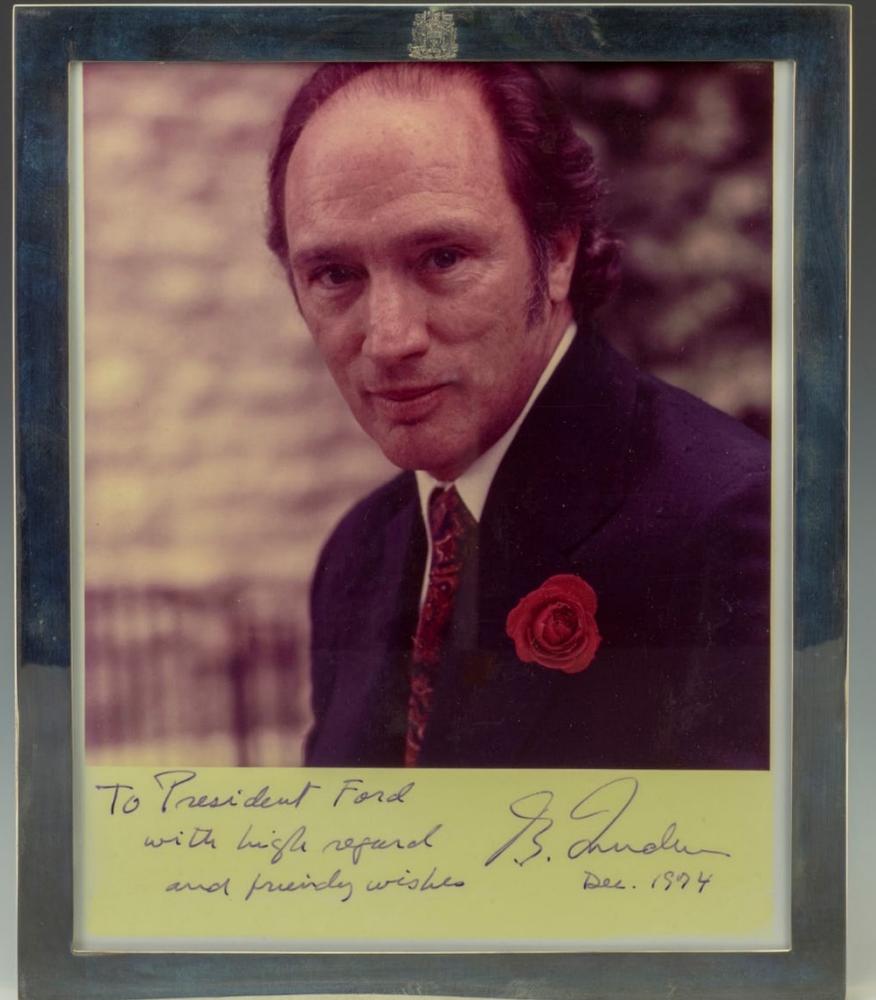


**Below Right: Prime Minister Trudeau,
President Ford and Guests at a Working
Stag Dinner. December 4, 1974**



**Center: President Ford greeting Prime Minister Trudeau
at the North Portico of the White House before a
Working Stag Dinner. December 4, 1974**

Silver-framed Photograph of the Prime Minister with Handwritten Message, "To President Ford with high regard and friendly wishes."



State Gifts Given to President Ford from Prime Minister Trudeau December 4, 1974

Letter to President Ford from Prime Minister Trudeau December 12, 1974

I do not want too many days to pass by following our very pleasant meeting in Washington without writing to express my thanks to you for your hospitality and my pleasure at your willingness to discuss with me so candidly and constructively so many issues of interest to each of us. In my talks with you and in

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CANADA
PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

O t t a w a,
K1A 0A2,
December 12, 1974.

Dear President Ford,

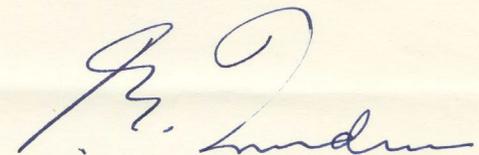
I do not want too many days to pass by following our very pleasant meeting in Washington without writing to express my thanks to you for your hospitality and my pleasure at your willingness to discuss with me so candidly and constructively so many issues of interest to each of us. In my talks with you and in those with Senators the following day I was heartened to be reassured of the strong bond of friendship which has long marked relations between our two countries.

The opportunity to meet Mrs. Ford and your daughter following the White House dinner was one that I particularly treasure. I hope very much that there will be an early opportunity for you to accept my invitation to come to Ottawa to continue our discussions and strengthen our friendship.

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With kindest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,



“A New And Correct Map Of The British Colonies In North America” (1794) given to President Ford by Ambassador Warren



**Ambassador
Jack Hamilton Warren of Canada
presenting his diplomatic
credentials
to President Ford
July 14, 1975**



“[The Freedom Festival] is a reminder of the peaceful century and a half that has existed between Canada and the United States. It is a vivid manifestation that two communities can live together in a close relationship while still respecting each other’s differences and rights to independence.”

Letter from Bert Weeks, Mayor of Windsor, Canada, to President Ford congratulating him on being a joint recipient of the 1976 Windsor/Detroit International Freedom Festival Award

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THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WINDSOR



BERT WEEKS
MAYOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

CITY HALL
WINDSOR - ONTARIO

April 13, 1976

RE

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Please accept my congratulations to you as the joint recipient of the 1976 Freedom Festival Award together with Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

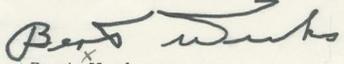
The history of this award has been outlined to you in an earlier letter from the Freedom Festival Committee. May I, emphasize however, the significance of this award and of the Freedom Festival itself to the cities of Windsor, Ontario and Detroit, Michigan. Our Festival is a reminder of the peaceful century and a half that has existed between Canada and the United States. It is a vivid manifestation that two communities can live together in a close relationship while still respecting each other's differences and rights to independence.

The Freedom Festival also reminds both our cities of the cultural and historical traditions we share, and of the common values which make it possible for us to live side by side. Not only in peace, but also to our mutual benefit.

It is our sincere hope that you will be able to attend the award ceremony on the 30th. June, 1976. May I further extend to you our warmest invitation to visit our City on that occasion. A similar invitation has been sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Pierre Trudeau. It need hardly be said that a joint visit to Windsor by the President of the United States together with the Prime Minister of Canada during the year of the American Bi-Centennial would provide the finest example of the continued growth and importance of the Freedom Festival spirit.

In the sincere hope that you will be able to accept our invitation, I am

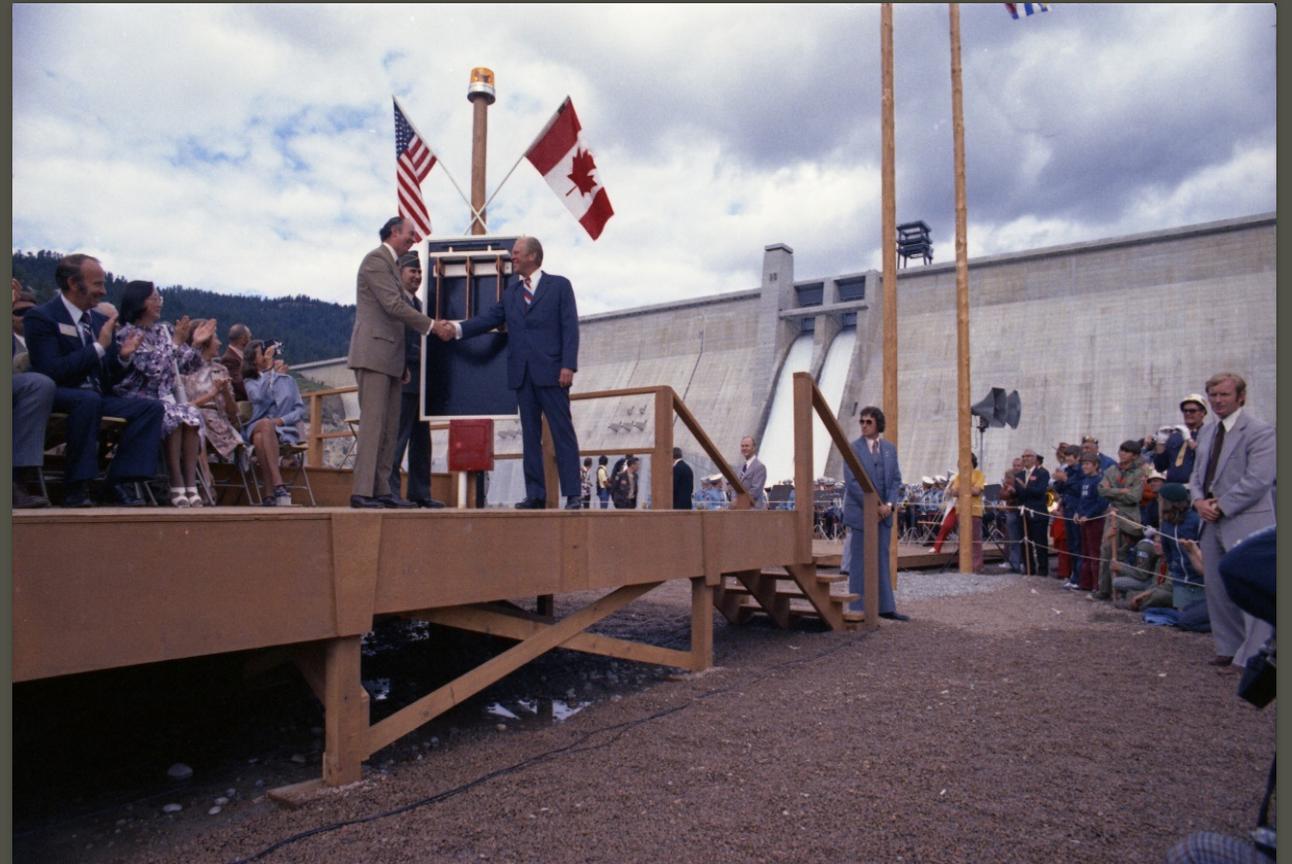
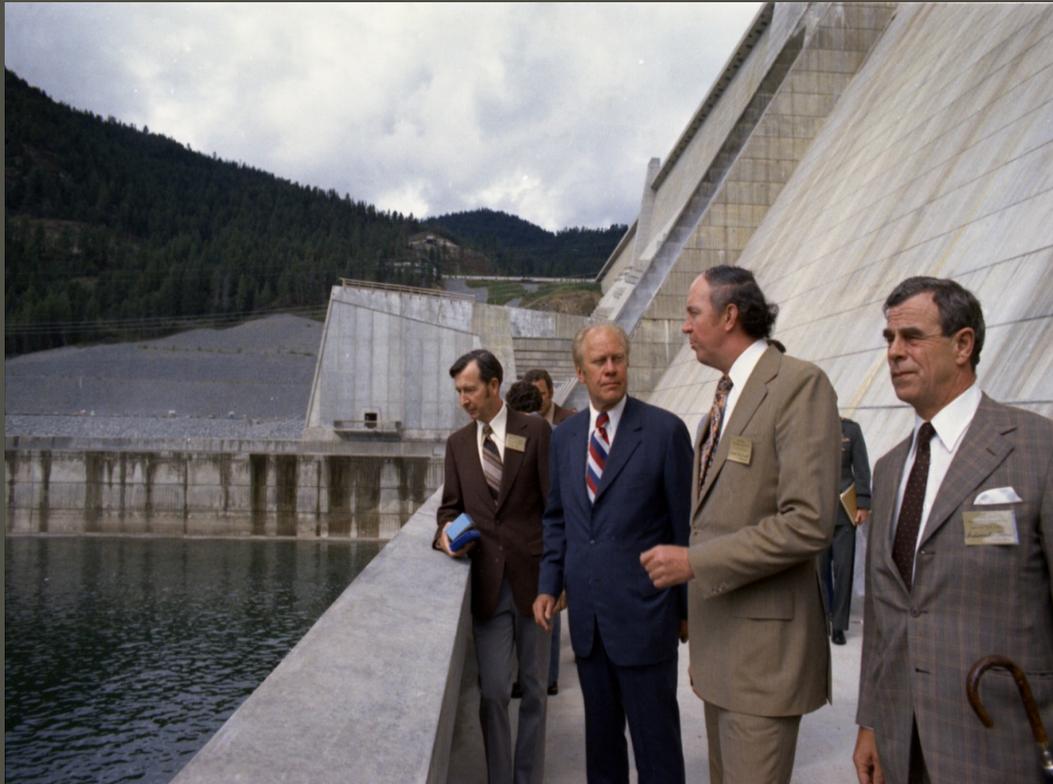
Very respectfully yours



Bert Weeks
Mayor of Windsor

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August 24, 1975



President Ford and Canadian Minister of Energy, Mines, and Resources Donald S. Macdonald Shaking Hands at the Dedication Ceremony for Libby Dam in Libby, Montana

The White House
Washington

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD PASS WITH URGENCY TO THE
PRESIDENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MY PRIME MINISTER.
MESSAGE BEGINS. MY DEAR PRESIDENT: I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW
SHAKEN I WAS TO LEARN OF THE ATTEMPT ON YOUR LIFE A FEW MOMENTS
AGO IN SACRAMENTO. I AM DEEPLY RELIEVED, AS ARE ALL CANADIANS,
THAT NO HARM WAS DONE TO YOU. INCIDENTS OF THIS SORT REMIND US

OF THE PERILOUS TIMES IN WHICH WE LIVE.

PLEASE BE ASSURED OF THE HIGH REGARD WITH WHICH I VIEW YOUR
EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND AS A GOOD NEIGHBOUR
OF THIS COUNTRY.

WITH KINDEST PERSONAL REGARDS.

YOURS SINCERELY,

PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU

MESSAGE ENDS.

2. WITH MANY THANKS. I AM STILL SHAKEN AT THE NEWS.

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

OTTAWA



Telegram from Prime Minister Trudeau after the First Assassination Attempt.

“My Dear President: I want you to know how shaken I was to learn of the attempt on your life a few moments ago in Sacramento. I am deeply relieved, as are all Canadians, that no harm was done to you.”

September 5, 1975

Invitation to the Canadian Opera

October 10, 1975



CANADA

PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

Ottawa, K1A 0A2,
October 10, 1975.

My dear President:

On Thursday evening, October 23, the Canadian Opera Company will perform the opera "Louis Riel" at the Kennedy Center. The production forms an important portion of the Canadian Bicentennial Festival in Washington. Should you and Mrs. Ford be free that evening I should be most happy if you would accompany me as my guests to the opera performance. The evening promises to be one of relaxation and pleasure and it is in that mood that I extend this invitation.

Should it be convenient to you both, I would be delighted if you could join me and the Canadian Ambassador for an early dinner at the Canadian residence immediately prior to the performance. I will readily understand, however, if your schedule would not permit you to do so.

Margaret regrets that she will not be able to travel to Washington on this occasion, much as she would like to do so. She feels, however, and I agree, that the date follows too soon the birth of our new baby. She is confident, as am I, that there will be many other opportunities for us to meet.

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The President of the United States of America,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.,
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With kindest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

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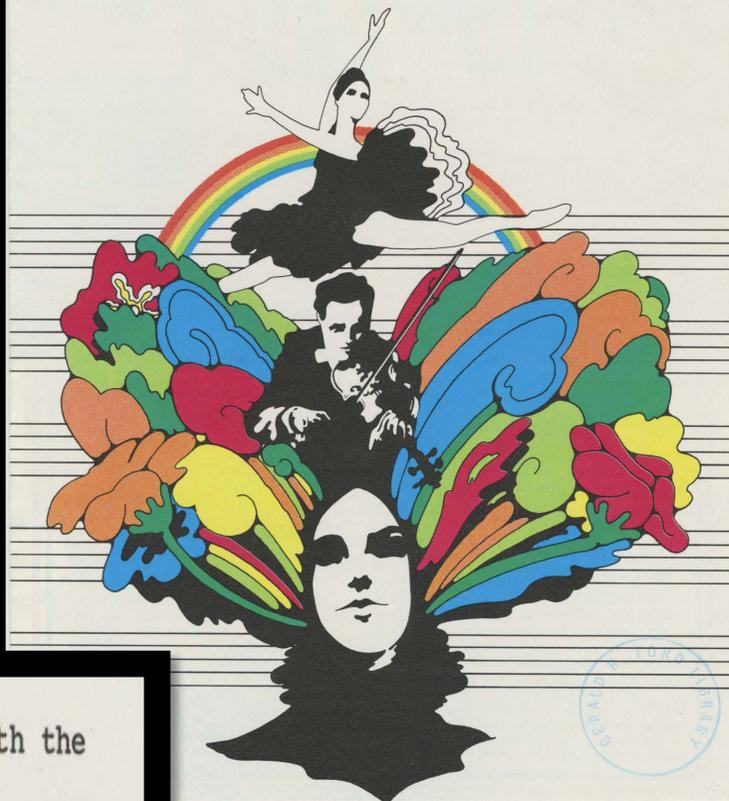
**Canada
Bicentennial Festival
Washington, DC
October 13-26, 1975**

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
in cooperation with the Government of Canada presents

CANADA

Bicentennial Festival
Festival du Bicentenaire

Washington Oct. 13-26
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Canadians join in your celebrations with the special warmth and pleasure of close friends and neighbours. In the year ahead countless Canadian hands will be joined to yours in greetings throughout the land.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS — OCTOBER 1975

CONCERT HALL—KENNEDY CENTER

Friday 17—MONIQUE LEYRAC
Orchestra & Box \$7.50; 1st Tier 6.50-5.50; 2nd Tier 4.50-2.00

Sunday 19 (Matinee Recital)—MAUREEN FORRESTER
Orchestra & Box \$6.50; 1st Tier 5.50-4.50; 2nd Tier 4.50-2.00

Saturday 25—MENDELSSOHN CHOIR and CANADIAN BRASS
Box \$8.50; Orchestra 7.50; 1st Tier 6.50-5.50; 2nd Tier 5.00-2.00

**Sunday 26 (Matinee)—NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE ORCHESTRA
with LOUIS QUILICO**
Orchestra & Box \$7.00; 1st Tier 6.00-5.00; 2nd Tier 5.00-2.00

OPERA HOUSE—KENNEDY CENTER

Tues. 14; Wed. 15; Thu. 16; Fri. 17; Sat. 18 (Mat. & Eve.)

Sun. 19 (Mat. Only)—ROYAL WINNIPEG BALLET
Box \$10.90; Orchestra 8.90; 1st Tier A-D 8.50; 1st Tier E-G 7.50;
2nd Tier Center 6.00; 2nd Tier Sides 4.50

Wed. 22; Fri. 24; Sat. 25—"LA BELLE HELENE" (NAC Opera)
Box \$14.50; Orchestra 12.50; 1st Tier A-D 11.00 1st Tier E-G 9.50;
2nd Tier Center 7.50; 2nd Tier Sides 5.50

Thursday 23—"LOUIS RIEL" (Canadian Opera Co.)
Box \$14.50; Orchestra 12.50; 1st Tier A-D 11.00; 1st Tier E-G 9.50;
2nd Tier Center 7.50; 2nd Tier Sides 5.50

NATIONAL THEATRE

Mon. 13 thru Sat. 25—SHAW FESTIVAL CO. "The Devil's Disciple"
Opening Night (Wednesday, October 15)—7:30 p.m.

Mon.-Thur. Eve. 8.00 & Sat. Mat. 2:00
Orchestra \$8.00; 1st Balcony 7.50-6.50-5.50; 2nd Balcony 4.50-3.50;
1st Box 7.50; 2nd Box 4.50

Friday-Saturday Eve. 8:00
Orchestra \$9.00; 1st Balcony 8.50-7.50-6.50; 2nd Balcony 5.50-4.50;
1st Box 8.50; 2nd Box 5.50

**Matinees Thursday, October 16, Wednesday, October 22, and Saturdays,
October 18 and 25—2:00**
Orchestra \$7.00; 1st Balcony 6.50-5.50-4.50; 2nd Balcony 3.50-2.50;
1st Box 6.50; 2nd Box 3.50



Above: President Ford meeting with the chairman and members of the U.S.-Canadian International Joint Commission in the Oval Office April 5, 1976

Below: President Ford greeting Governor General Jules Leger of Canada, Mrs. Leger, Ambassador Jack Hamilton Warren of Canada, and others in the Oval Office April 8, 1976



President Ford and Prime Minister Trudeau at the presentation of *Between Friends/Entre Amis*, Canada's Bicentennial gift to the United States, in the Rose Garden, with the book's editor Lorraine Monk. June 16, 1976





**President Ford and Prime Minister
Trudeau Talking During a Working
Dinner Cruise Aboard the
USS Sequoia
June 16, 1976**





PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

Ottawa, K1A 0A2,
November 19, 1975.

Dear Mr. President,

I have delayed replying to your very welcome letter of November 10 until the conclusion of the Rambouillet meeting. Now that those talks have concluded, and with some considerable measure of success, I am anxious to express to you my warm appreciation for the generous support you gave to Canada's desire to participate. Your willingness to present our case personally to President Giscard d'Estaing, and to do so with such candour and forcefulness, was deeply welcomed by me and my colleagues. For this, and for your friendly understanding of our position, I thank you most sincerely.

I was encouraged by your statement to me that the usefulness of future meetings of this sort will be impaired should Canada be absent, and by your insistence that we be involved in any follow-up to the Rambouillet session. I dare to believe that those points have now been accepted

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The President of the United States of America,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.,
U. S. A.

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by all the governments involved. I have presented my own argument in this respect to President Giscard, who wrote to me just in advance of the weekend meeting, to Prime Ministers Wilson and Miki and to Chancellor Schmidt.

The preliminary reports of your meeting indicate that there was some measure of agreement reached on a number of issues. It was particularly heartening to me to learn of the consensus which developed over the need for a coordinated response to the major economic problems now facing the industrialized nations. I look forward to receiving more complete assessments of the discussions when once they are prepared and thank you for your assurance that Canada will be kept informed of developments.

Your constant and vigorous support of Canada's point of view is deeply appreciated here. I assure you that I share your desire to cooperate in every way possible in the solution of these key economic issues.

With warmest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

Prime Minister Trudeau wrote to President Ford following the first G6 Summit in November 1975 "to express my warm appreciation for the generous support you gave to Canada's desire to participate" in future international economic summits.

Canada participated in the 1976 G7 Summit hosted by President Ford in Puerto Rico.



**President Ford and Prime Minister
Trudeau with Other World Leaders
at the International Economic
Summit in Puerto Rico
June 28, 1976**



**President Ford and Prime
Minister Trudeau at the
Dorado Beach Hotel During
the International Economic
Summit in Puerto Rico
June 28, 1976**





PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

Ottawa, K1A 0A2,
May 8, 1975.

My dear Mr. President,

One of Canada's most exciting annual events is the Calgary Stampede. Annually in July it recreates a rodeo and frontier atmosphere that is so enjoyable that it has attracted me on several occasions.

The Directors of the Calgary Stampede have recently informed me that it is their intention to extend to you and to Mrs. Ford an invitation to attend the official opening of the Stampede on July 8, 1976. The theme of the Stampede next year will be the Bicentennial of the United States of America.

The purpose of my letter is simply to say how delighted the government and people of Canada would be were you able to visit this country next summer and to add my assurance that I would be more than happy to make whatever

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arrangements you would like, either officially or unofficially, to taste western hospitality and view the magnificent scenery of southern Alberta.

With kindest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

*P.S. We could even add a few hours
of glacier skiing!*

**Prime Minister Trudeau
inviting President Ford to the
Calgary Stampede set for
July 1976 and even a
“few hours of glacier skiing!”**

**President and Mrs. Ford
declined due to a scheduling
conflict, but their son Steve
attended the 1976 Calgary
Stampede in their place.**

Steve Ford at the Calgary Stampede July 9, 1976



CALGARY EXHIBITION &
STAMPEDE
JULY 3-12-1975

THE GREATEST OUTDOOR SHOW ON EARTH / BOX 1060, CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA T2P 2K8 / PH.(403) 261-0101

April 23, 1975

BUILDING TOGETHER

The logo for the Calgary Stampede, featuring a red square with a white silhouette of a cowboy on a bucking horse. The words "CALGARY STAMPEDE" are written in a circular arrangement around the central image.

Holiday Card from the Trudeau Family Sent
to the Ford Family
December 1976



joyeux Noël
happy new year

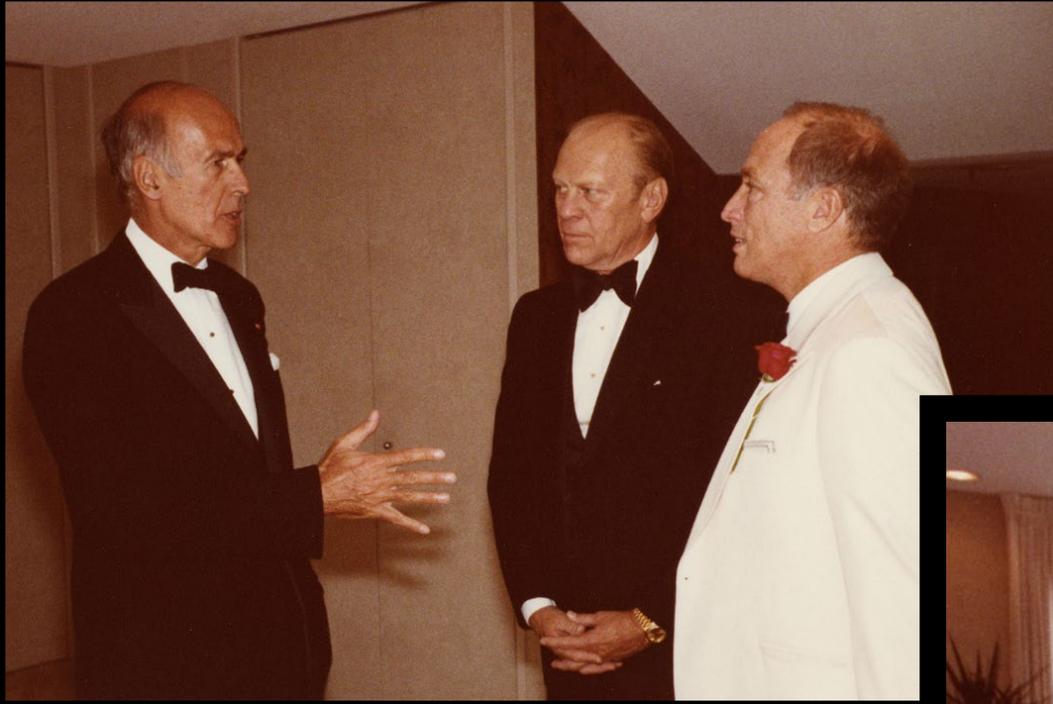
Margaret, Justin, Sacha, Michel
Pierre E. Trudeau



Guests of honor posing for a picture prior to the gala for the dedication of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan September 18, 1981

Back row: Bob Hope, Sunao Sonoda, Jose Lopez Portillo, Barbara Bush, George H. W. Bush, Pierre Trudeau, Valery Giscard d'Estaing, Lady Bird Johnson;

Front row: Nancy Reagan, Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford, Betty Ford



Left: President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing of France, President Ford, and Prime Minister Trudeau prior to the gala for the dedication of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum

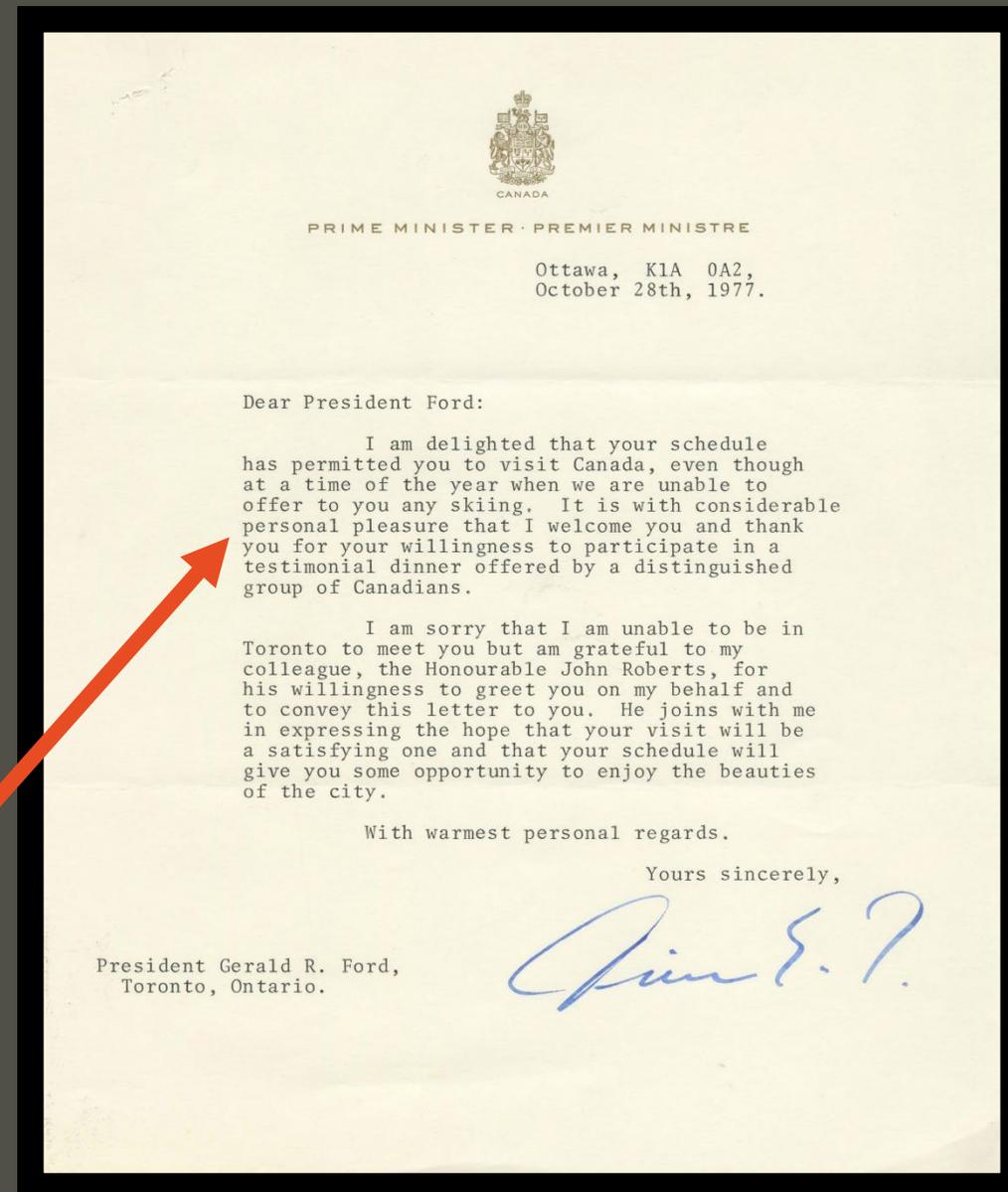
September 18, 1981

Right: Prime Minister Trudeau, Lady Bird Johnson, and President Ford prior to the gala for the dedication of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum



**Letter from Prime Minister Trudeau to President Ford
October 28, 1977**

“It is with considerable personal pleasure that I welcome you and thank you for your willingness to participate in a testimonial dinner offered by a distinguished group of Canadians.”





The Ford Memorial Banner as it hung on the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC, during the mourning period for President Ford.



Left: Consul General of Canada Robert Noble presents the Gerald R. Ford Memorial banner at the Ford Museum

February 21, 2007

Right: Jack Ford, son of President Ford and Chairman of the Gerald R. Ford Foundation with Consul General of Canada Robert Noble and Ford Library and Museum Director Elaine Didier

