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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
State Visit and Dinner
in Honor of
Prime Minister Trudeau
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

Below Right:  Prime Minister Trudeau, President Ford and Guests at a Working Stag Dinner.  December 4, 1974
State Gifts Given to President Ford from Prime Minister Trudeau
December 4, 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.

With kindest personal regards.

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

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

August 24, 1975
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. 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.

Ivan Head
Prime Minister’s Office
Ottawa

September 5, 1975
My dear President:

On Thursday evening, October 25, 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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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.
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 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 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
Holiday Card from the Trudeau Family Sent to the Ford Family
December 1976

joyeux noël
happy new year

Margaret, Justin, Jack, Pierre

Oscar E. Peterson

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

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
Left: President Valery 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
“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