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*G.R.F. Personal  
Original to  
Mrs. Ford*

January 27, 1975

Dear Pete,

It really was good to see you last Monday and to have a chance to visit with you!

Betty has given to me your letter addressed to her dated January 8 regarding the raffle items for the educational television station at Grand Valley College. You also mentioned this to me when we met.

First you will find enclosed a framed steel engraving of the White House which you will note both Betty and I have autographed. Also I am enclosing two folders which contain the Oath of Office and the remarks I delivered on August 9 after assuming the Office of President of the United States. You will note that I have also autographed these.

I hope this will be sufficient for the auction. You know we are always happy to be of assistance, and we hope this will be helpful.

Please pass along our best wishes to Joan and the children.

Warmest personal regards,

Mr. Peter F. Secchia  
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DOROTHY:

As I understand it, the First Lady's Correspondence Unit handles all requests for auction items. The nicer items sent are the attached steel engravings of the White House. For extra special events, a framed steel engraving is sent. (It can also be autographed).

Carolyn

Sent 2 Blue Jackets  
w/ Pres. speech & The  
President will autograph

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Sent picture to Carolyn  
for Nancy to have Mrs.  
Ford autograph

1-22-75

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Educational T.V.

Auction —

Volumes.

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April —

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January 8, 1975

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford  
The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Betty:

Joan and I enjoyed talking with you.

We will send no more food to the White House...sorry you could not enjoy our oranges from sunny Florida.

They should have put me on the CIA Commission, since the only connections I have are with Vito Corleone (the Godfather).

I hope to be out there this month, and Mildred is working scheduling me in when the President has some free time... hopefully, the week of the 20th.

What can we raffle off? I am raising money for the educational TV station at Grand Valley College. Are there any more copies of the bound documents regarding the nomination for Vice President...that Jerry could autograph, and we could raffle off? If not, possibly we could raffle off some of those dresses he doesn't want you spending all that money on (you get a full tax deduction)...and might add "longevity" to your marriage.

The kids are fine, the house is big and needs a "duty" plumber, electrician, and handyman. Guess who?

Remember not to think of anything bad that happened in 1974. I cancelled it. Hope to see you the week of the 20th. If the "Pres" is busy, perhaps you, Nancy, and I, could go out and get a "McDonald's" (remember the good old days?)

Cordially,

  
Peter F. Secchia