

FIRST LADY

December 13, 1974

503/11-12-74  
501

Dear Mr. Coons:

Your letter to President Ford has been referred to me for response. We very much appreciate your studied comments.

At the onset of the Ford administration Mrs. Ford made inquiry regarding the serving of various domestic wines on the occasion of state dinners. It was the feeling that not only would it be a measure of economy, but would serve to inform our foreign guests, but also Americans who were in attendance. It is not the intent to serve domestic wines to the exclusion of imported wines.

We enclose for you the dinner menu for the Kreisky dinner. Please note that the White House was not partial to a Michigan wine on that evening.

Thank you for your letter; we trust that the information above answers your questions.

Sincerely,

Nancy Lanmerding  
Social Secretary

Mr. Ronald E. Coons  
Department of History U-103  
The University of Connecticut  
Storrs, Connecticut 06268

msh

RECEIVED

DEC 19 1974

SOCIAL FILES