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THE WHITE HOUSE



Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Ford found this letter
in some files she was going
through. She thought it
might be of interest to Museum
or Library. Thanks - Jm Cull



(SOCIAL SECRETARY)

(BY HELEN THOMAS)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- WHITE HOUSE SOCIAL SECRETARY NANCY LAMMERDING RUWE HAS BEEN FIRED, INFORMED SOURCES SAID TODAY.

MRS. RUWE WAS TOLD YESTERDAY AFTERNOON BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT RICHARD CHENEY THAT SHE WAS BEING REMOVED FROM THE PARTY PLANNING POSITION SHE HAS HELD FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, THE SOURCES SAID.

THERE HAVE BEEN RECURRING COMPLAINTS ABOUT MRS. RUWE'S WORK AND REPORTS THAT SHE COULD NOT GET ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE STAFF, THEY SAID.

MRS. RUWE, A NEW YORK SOCIALITE WHO CAME TO WASHINGTON AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION IN 1969, WAS MARRIED RECENTLY TO NICHOLAS RUWE, FORMER DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT. MRS. FORD ATTENDED HER WEDDING.

MRS. RUWE WORKED IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR FIVE YEARS BEFORE REPLACING SOCIAL SECRETARY LUCY WINCHESTER AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

MRS. RUWE WENT TO WARSAW TO PLAN THE ONE RECIPROCAL FORMAL DINNER WHICH PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD GAVE ON THEIR 10-DAY JOURNEY TO EUROPE. SHE ALSO MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE "WORKING DINNER" HONORING JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER TAKEO MIKI HERE TUESDAY EVENING.

SHE HAS INTRODUCED A NEW ELEGANCE AND ADDED A DASH OF IMAGINATION AND INNOVATION TO THE FORD PARTIES, SOME OBSERVERS SAID.

SOURCES SAID HER DISMISSAL WAS TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY BUT MRS. RUWE HAS 45 DAYS OF COMPENSATORY TIME REMAINING IN HER \$26,000 A YEAR JOB.

THERE WAS NO INDICATION WHO MRS. FORD WOULD SELECT TO REPLACE MRS. RUWE.

MRS. RUWE HAD SAID THAT SHE FEELS SHE HAS A "GOOD RELATIONSHIP" WITH THE FIRST LADY WHO GAVE HER STAFF A FREE HAND IN THEIR OPERATIONS ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 7, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford,

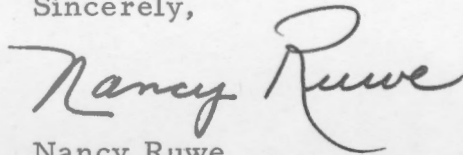
It is with great regret that I ask you to consider and accept my resignation as Social Secretary to the First Lady.

As I am sure you know, I am honored to have served you and the President since you were kind enough to appoint me Social Secretary in October 1974.

I hope you and the President will understand only the most personal reasons would cause me to write this letter; among them are my recent marriage, our purchase of a new home, mine and my husband's desire to spend more time together, and the serious ill health of my own dear mother.

My service with you will always remain a treasured memory.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Ruwe". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Nancy Ruwe