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*The second annual gathering of
the Brothers of Delta Kappa Epsilon
and friends at the Red Lion Inn,
Vail, Colorado - December 28, 1974*

Honoring
The President of the United States
and
Mrs. Gerald R. Ford



Macon Blanc 1970

Château Grand Barrail-
Saint-Emilion 1966

Menu

L'Oxtail Clair au Sherry

Les Filets de Sole en Paupiettes Nantua

Les Noisettes d'Agneau à la Palewi

La Jardinière de Légumes Frais

Les Endives de Belgique en Salad

Les Fraises Moscovite

ΔKE Roster

VAIL RESIDENTS

Lorence "Larry" Burdick - Marge
University of Michigan
Timothy R. "Tim" Garton
Yale University
Gerald M. "Gerry" Hoyt - Barbara
Dartmouth College

George Knox - Ella
University of Wisconsin
Mike McCann - Betsy
Middlebury College
Richard "Dick" McKerr - Marsha
Middlebury College

PART-TIME VAILITES

John Buffam - Vicki
Middlebury College
Jack Crosby - Joanne
University of Texas
Wm. N. "Bill" Driscoil - Judy
Yale University
John Ferguson - Alicia
Yale University
Gerald R. "Jerry" Ford - Betty
University of Michigan and Yale University
Richard T. Lyford Jr. - Diana
Trinity College

Frank "Fran" Morris - Mary
University of Wisconsin
T. Mark O'Reilly
Middlebury College
Robert D. "Bob" Orr - Josie
Yale University
P. M. "Pat" Westfeldt - Jean
Yale University
Henry C. "Hank" Wood - Sally
Yale University
David Wood
Yale University

STRAY GREEKS

Ted Kindel - Nancy
Beta Theta Pi - University of Michigan
Gordon Brittan - Thelma
Alpha Delta Phi - University of Chicago

Merrill Hastings - Priscilla
Psi Upsilon - Bowdoin College

NON-GREEKS

Jim Brown - Gloria Tremonton, Utah
Pepi Gramshammer - Sheika Vail

Wauhilla La Hay - Washington, D. C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1974

Dear Mrs. Scott:

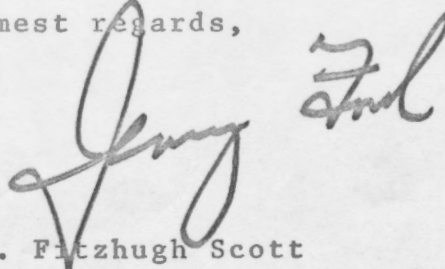
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We would be delighted to accept your kind invitation. As of now Thursday, December 26, or Thursday, January 2, would be excellent dates for us.

As soon as we know which date is best for you we will be able to "firm up" our calendar. Please address your answer in care of Mrs. Nancy Howe, Mrs. Ford's Personal Assistant. She is handling many of the details regarding our Vail trip.

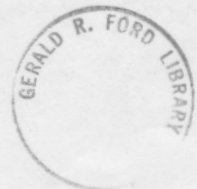
Thank you again for your thoughtful invitation. We are looking forward to getting together with you. You can imagine the entire Ford family is anxiously awaiting our annual Vail skiing holiday.

Warmest regards,



Mrs. Fitzhugh Scott
8160 North Green Bay Road
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209

bcc: Vail address



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Mrs. Sherlock

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Warmest regards,

Mrs. Elizabeth Scott
8160 North Green Bay Road
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209

cc: Vail address



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mrs. Ford,

Is there any special way you
would like this to be handled?

Thank you,

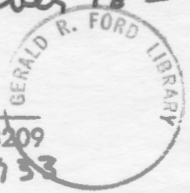
Susan



*Give dates when
they could make it*

11-21-66

November 18th



Mrs. Fitzhugh Scott

8160 N. Green Bay Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209

414-354-8753

Dear Mrs. Ford-

We'd like so much if you and Mr. President could have dinner with us some-time during your visit to Vaib.

If your children would like to join us it would be great - in any case it would be very informal with maybe the kids and Pepi and Sheika and one or two others. We're going to Vaib for Thanksgiving and expect to be back ^{here} again about Dec. 15th.

Mrs. Fitzhugh Scott

8160 N. Green Bay Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209



I hope that you'll be able to use the pool as well as the President. It might be very therapeutic exercise - I want to see how much I admire the frankness and courage with which you faced what must be a very traumatic operation.

With all best-wishes and looking forward to having you as neighbors -

Most cordially -

Eileen Scott

332 Mill Creek Circle
Vail, Colo. 81659
303. 476-5706

P.S. Any date you set will be O.K. with us.

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Mrs. Gerald Ford
The White House
Washington

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Box 1773 Vail, Colorado 81657

Dear Mr. President.

About the only good thing that happened around here on Election Day was the starting of the roof construction over the pool.

We're aiming for a Dec. 15th completion.

all best wishes to you and Mrs. Ford.

Sincerely yours.

Fitz Scott

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The President of the United States.
Mr. Gerald Ford.
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

Kindness of
Pepi & Sheika Gramstammen

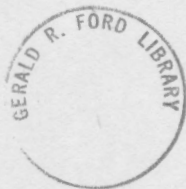


Eileen & Fitzhugh Scott.

Box 1773 Vail, Colorado 81657

Mr. Harold Shaw called (303-476-5011) Apt. 777
from Vail Colorado. He would like to
know if the President and Mrs. Ford
are interested in a reception in the
lodge for the owners of condominiums.

He will be happy to make any arrangements
they might be interested in.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dec. 3, 1974

Nancy:

Since you and the First Lady
are making the plans for Vail,
I thought you might be interested
in this invitation.

Sally Quenneville



CYRANO'S
P. O. Box 1864
Vail, Colorado 81657
November 29, 1974

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



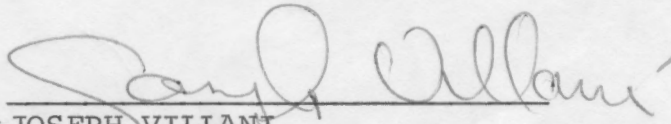
Dear Mr. President:

We were exceedingly appreciative to receive your letter of August 19, 1974. Of course we did understand that due to the change of Office at about that time, you would be unable to keep your previously scheduled August visit to Vail, and therefore could not accept our invitation to dine at our restaurant.

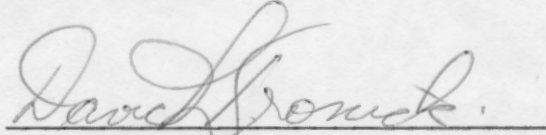
We, along with each and every member of our staff here at Cyrano's, are looking forward with abundant anticipation to your December visit. We would like to extend an open invitation to you and your family to dine with us, and are enclosing a copy of our dinner menu for your review.

Should it be indeed possible for dinner arrangements to be made, it would be a great honor for us. We are cordially awaiting your reply.

Sincerely,



JOSEPH VILLANI
Owner-Manager



DAVID L. KRONICK
Chef

JV/hec

Encl.



CYRANO'S



Fruits d'Oeuvres

SHRIMP COCKTAIL

\$ 3.00

CREVETTES ANDRE

*Fresh Shrimp and Mushrooms, sautéed in butter
with herbs and two delightful wines*

\$ 3.00

FRUITS DE MER COQUILLE

*Seafood and Fresh Mushrooms blended in a delicious wine sauce,
presented in a shell and topped with a Hollandaise glaze*

\$ 2.75

ESCARGOTS À LA BOURGUIGNONNE

Prepared in the true Province of Burgundy manner

\$ 3.50

ESCARGOTS À LA CHAMPIGNONS

*Mushrooms stuffed with Escargots and baked with a sauce of
Lemon, Garlic, Butter and Chablis Wine*

\$ 3.75

PÂTÉ CYRANO

An excellent Liver Pâté

\$ 2.00

QUICHE LORRAINE

*A savoury Custard Tart incorporating
Ham, Swiss Cheese and Leeks*

\$ 1.75

Potage

Our Own Homemade Soups

LA SOUP À L'OIGNON

The "Original"

\$ 1.50

LA BOULA BOULA

A tasty blend of Clear Turtle and Creamy Split Pea

\$ 1.75

LE CONSOMMÉ CELESTINE

Beef Consommé with Julienne Crepes

\$ 1.25

Entrées

All Entrées served with Cyrano's special salad and vegetable du jour.

COLD JUMBO SHRIMP PLATE

Served cold with a delicious cocktail sauce
for all of you weightwatchers

\$ 7.75

TRUITE FARCIE CYRANO

Fresh boneless Colorado Brook Trout
stuffed with a fluffy seafood sauce

\$ 6.75

COQ AU VIN

Chicken, simmered in a Burgundy Wine Sauce with fresh mushrooms,
pearl onions and bacon, served on a bed of rice

\$ 6.75

CIVET DE LIÈVRE COLORADO

Fresh Rabbit, poached in Wine, baked in a rich game sauce
and garnished with fresh tomatoes and mushrooms

\$ 8.95

ESCALOPES DE VEAU "MY WAY"

The Chef's Specialty

Veal Scallopines, sautéed in Red Wine, presented
on a bed of Spinach, topped with melted Swiss Cheese

\$ 9.00

FILET DE BOEUF BEARNAISE

Choice Tenderloin of Beef broiled to your own taste
served with one-half fresh tomato and Sauce Bearnaise

\$ 7.95

STEAK AU POIVRE

A generous cut of Tenderloin
covered with fresh cracked pepper, sautéed
and topped with a special sauce

\$ 7.95

ENTRECÔTE

Strip Sirloin broiled to your specifications
served with baked potato and sautéed mushroom caps

\$ 7.95

BOEUF À LA BOURGUIGNONNE

Tender cubes of Beef, braised in a Burgundy Wine Sauce
with salt pork, fresh mushrooms and pearl onions
served with egg noodles

\$ 6.75

PRIME RIB

"While it Lasts"

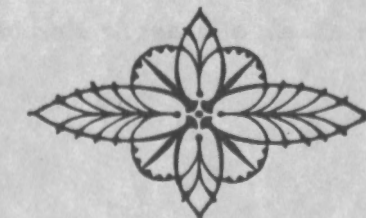
Generous full cut of Prime Rib, served with baked potato
We have one size. . . LARGE!

\$ 9.95

FILET DE BOEUF WELLINGTON BOUQUETIÈRE

Choice Tenderloin covered with Goose Liver Pâté
and wrapped in a flaky puff-pastry
bordered with a variety of vegetables

\$ 9.95



Les Entremets

LA CRÊPE BOURBONNAISE

The Chef's popular Specialty!

\$ 2.00

LA CRÊPE SHANA

*A delicate crêpe, rolled with French Vanilla Ice Cream
and blanketed in a fresh Strawberry
and Grand Marnier Sauce*

\$ 2.25

LA MOUSSE AU CHOCOLAT

Flavored with Grand Marnier

\$ 2.25

SABAYON

Whipped egg yolks and sugar, flavored with Marsala Wine

\$ 2.00

LA PÊCHE MELBA

*A peach half smothered in Melba Sauce
served atop Vanilla Ice Cream*

\$ 1.75

CREME DE MENTHE PIE \$ 2.00

STRAWBERRY CHEESE CAKE \$ 2.00

BLUEBERRY CHEESE CAKE \$ 2.00

BABA AU RHUM \$ 1.75

(Rum Cake, a classic French dessert)

After Dinner Specialties

ESPRESSO

\$ 1.00

IRISH COFFEE

\$ 1.75

CAFÉ ANTOINETTE

\$ 1.75

COFFEE NUDGE

\$ 1.75

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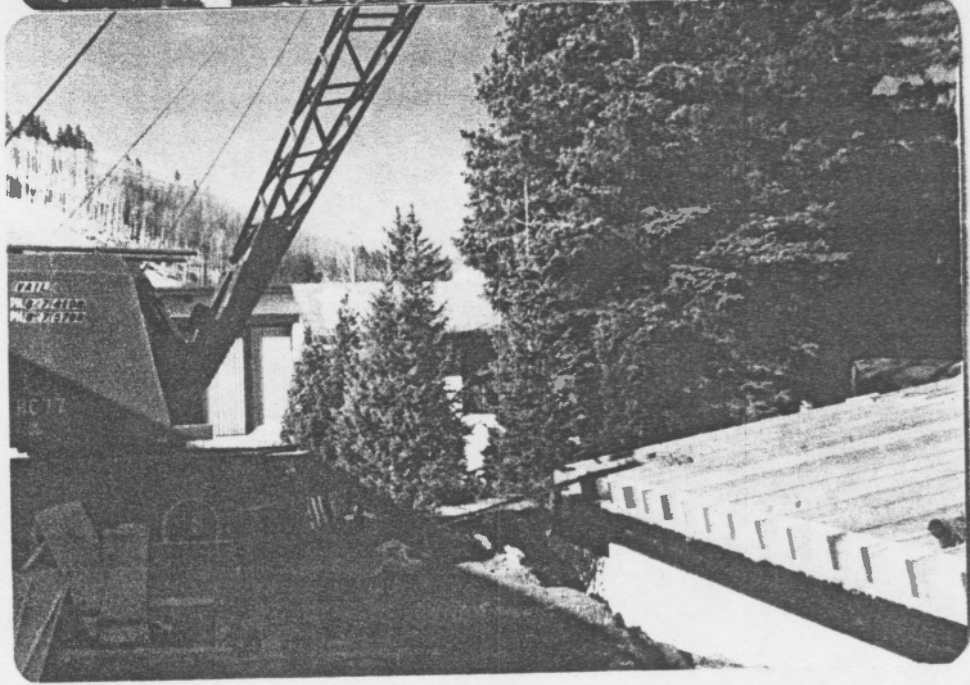
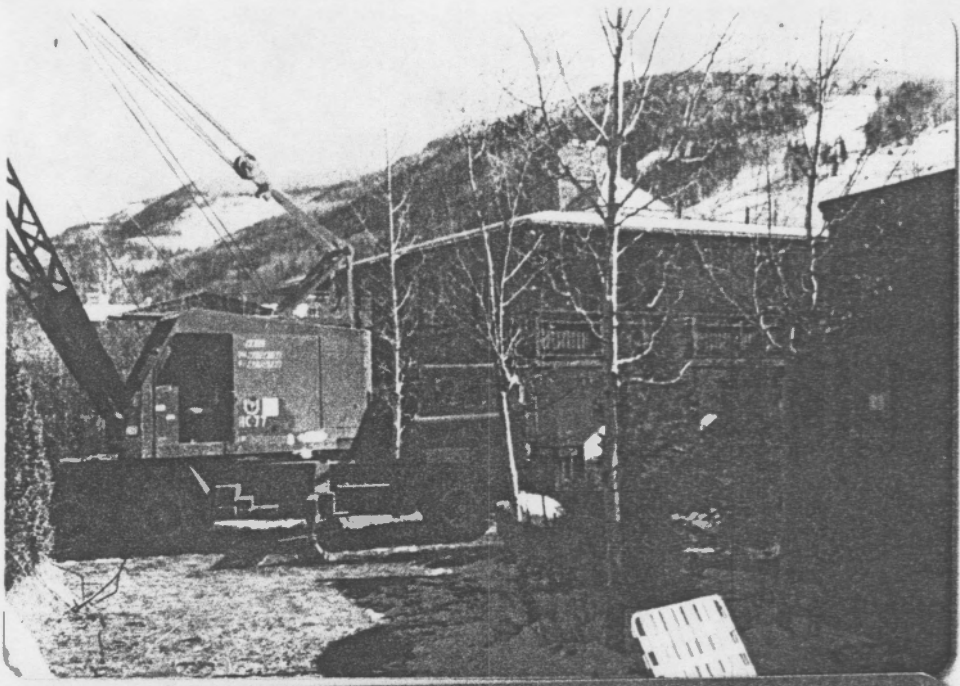
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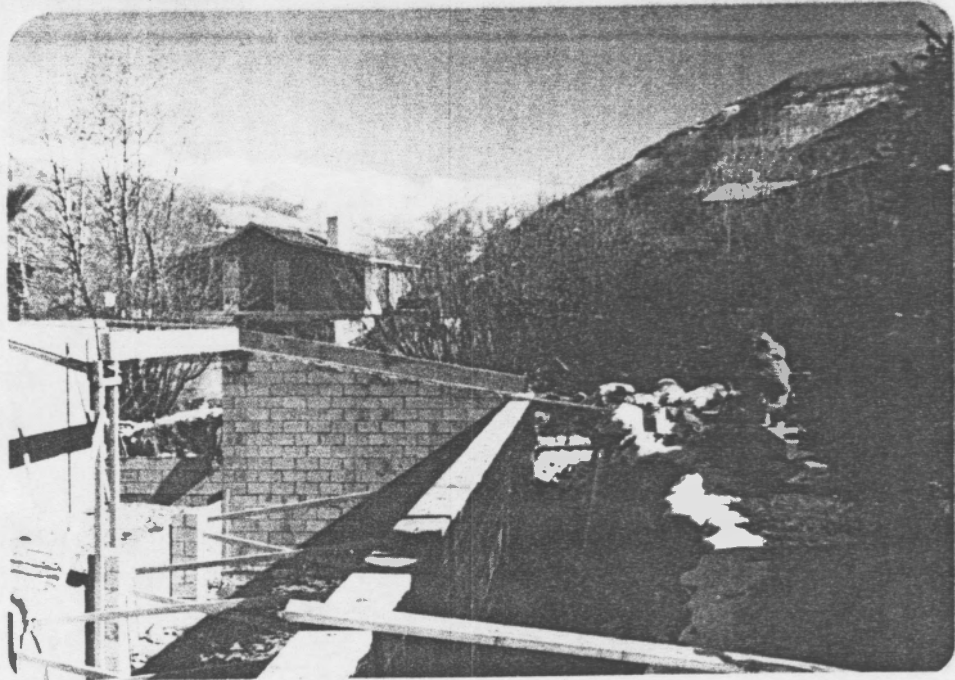
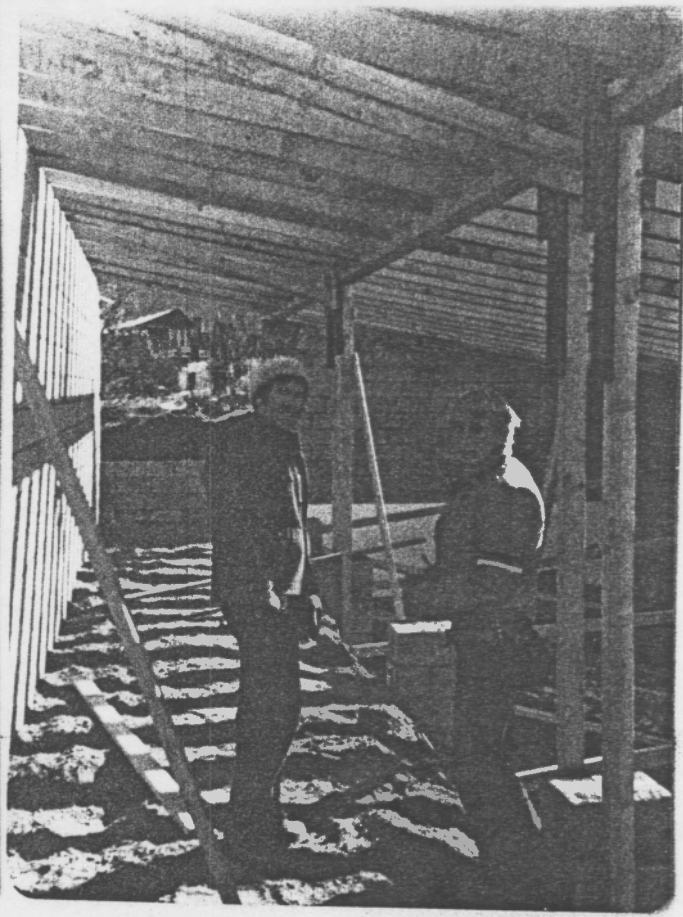
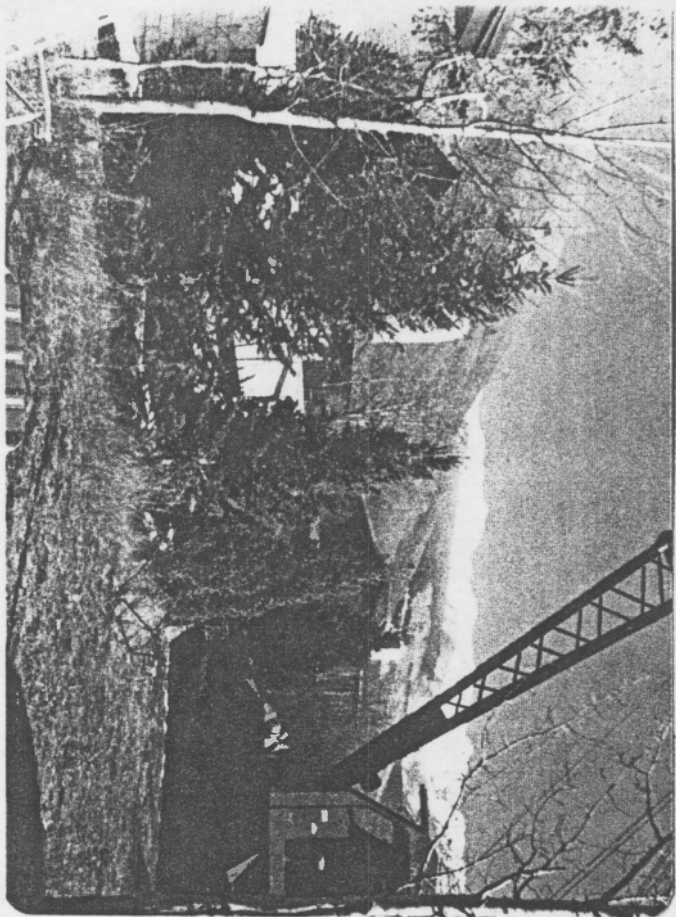
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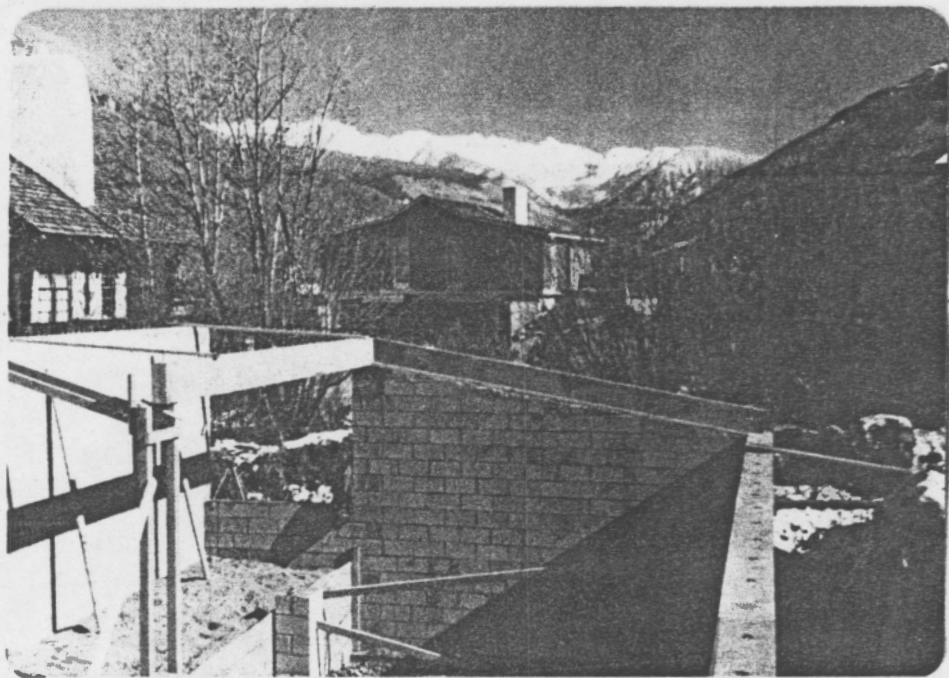
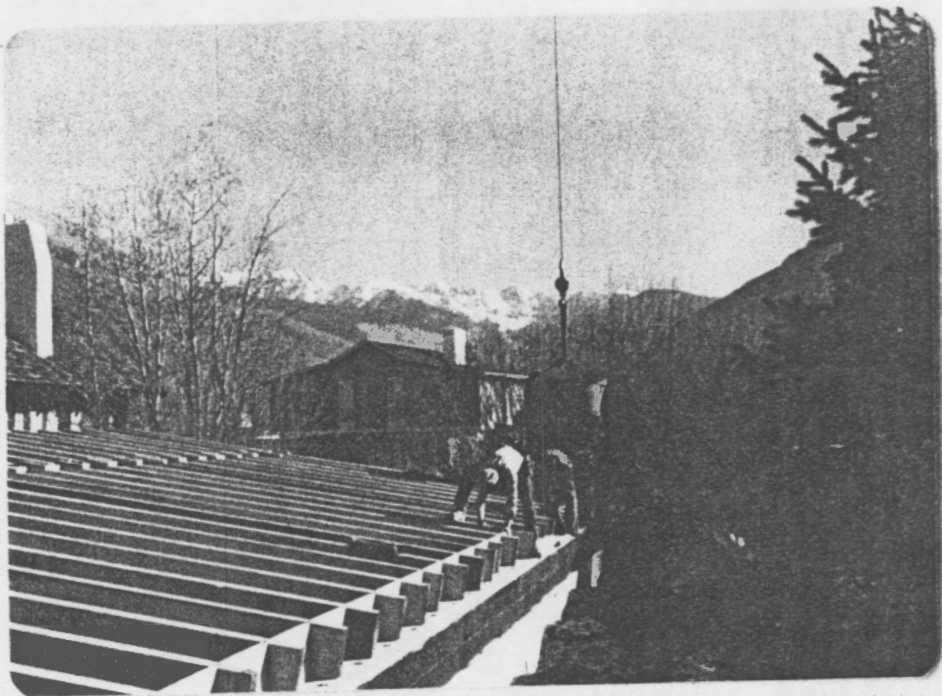
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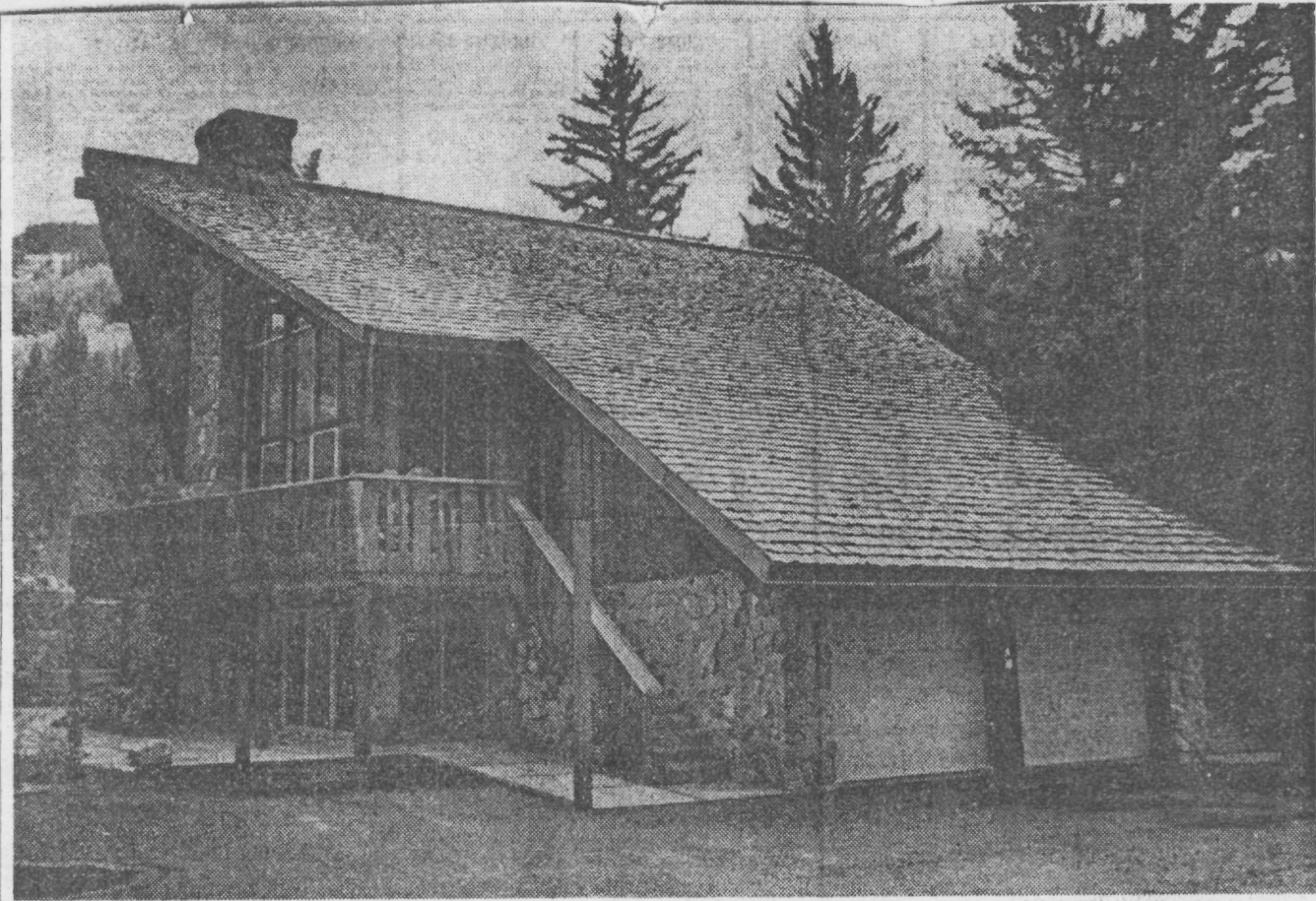
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MAY BE PRESIDENTIAL HOLIDAY HOME

This Vail, Colo., home is believed to be where President Ford will stay during holiday visits. The house is owned by Dick Bass, former director of Vail Associates and a principal in the Snowbird ski area in Utah, where he

spends much of his time. The house is about 500 yards east of the gondola lift on the east edge of Vail's core area. The house is about 10 years old. The Secret Service has hinted at the arrangement but hasn't confirmed it.

A CLOSE, UNIDENTIFIED AND UNINFORMED SOURCE TODAY DISPELLED THE RUMOR THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO BE HELD HOSTAGE AT VAIL.

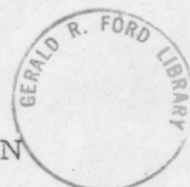
THE STORY HAD DEVELOPED THAT PRESIDENT FORD, WORKING WITH TWO ACCOMPLICES WITH THE CODE NAMES OF SHIEKA AND GLORIA, SET UP A DRAMA WHERE HE WOULD BE HELD INCOMMUNICADO IN A DESERTED, LUXURIOUS CABIN IN THE MOUNTAINS ABOVE THE SKI RESORT OF VAIL, COLORADO. RANSOM HAD BEEN SET AT \$2.49. UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON, FORD WAS ASKED WHY THE RANSOM AMOUNT WAS SO LOW. HE RESPONDED SAYING THAT ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT AMOUNT WOULD BE INFLATIONARY. HIS TWO COHORTS REMAINED TIGHT-LIPPED AND TIGHT HIPPED ABOUT THE AFFAIR. SHIEKA WOULD ONLY SAY, "I KNOW NOTHING DARLINK!"

MRS. FORD COULD NOT BE FOUND TO SEE WHAT SHE HAD TO SAY ABOUT THE STORY. SHE WAS LATER DISCOVERED IN THE SLEEVE OF AN ALASKA WOLF FUR COAT. ASKED HOW SHE CAME TO BE IN SUCH A PECULIAR SPOT, THE FIRST LADY SAID, "THE LAST THING I REMEMBER IS PEPI AND JIM TELLING ME THAT I WAS UNDER ARREST."



BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY WERE CONGRATULATED ON THEIR OUTSTANDING NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. THE PRESIDENT THANKED THE INTERVIEWING CORRESPONDENT AND AGREED THAT IT WAS A WARM, HAPPY AND CAREFREE CELEBRATION. HIS ONLY DISAPPOINTMENT WAS THAT SO MANY PEOPLE SLIPPED AND FELL. THE REPORTER AGREED THAT THE SNOW AND ICE DID MAKE FOOTING IN VAIL UNCERTAIN. THE PRESIDENT EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS REFERRING TO INSIDE THE HOUSE.

RUMSFELD, THE PRESIDENT'S TOP STAFF OFFICIAL SEEMED TO SUCCESSFULLY ADAPT TO THE UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT PRESENTED AT VAIL. RUMSFELD SAID A ROUTINE FOR WORK DID DEVELOP. MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE WERE COVERED DURING THE CHAIR RIDE TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN. WHEN QUERIED IF THE PRESIDENT HAD VETOED ALL THE BILLS PRESENTED HIM ON ONE PARTICULAR DAY, RUMSFELD SAID, "NO, TWO JUST BLEW AWAY." WHEN PRESSED ON THE POINT AS TO WHETHER A BILL THAT WAS BLOWN AWAY WAS IN ESSENCE VETOED, RUMSFELD CAUTIONED THAT IT DEPENDED ON WHETHER ^{OR NOT} THE PRESIDENT HAD SIGNED THE BILL. ~~OR NOT~~ A REPORTER THEN ASKED IF THE TWO BILLS IN QUESTION HAD BEEN SIGNED. RUMSFELD ADMITTED THAT HE COULD NOT BE SURE AND THAT THE BEST THING TO DO WOULD BE TO WAIT FOR THE SNOW TO MELT.

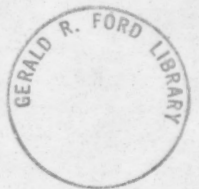


MEANWHILE NESSEN EXPLAINED THAT THE PRESIDENT DID NOT MEAN TO PRESENT A FLIP IMAGE WHEN HE USED HIS SKI POLE TO SPEAR A COPY OF HELEN THOMAS' LATEST RELEASE FROM VAIL. NESSEN SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS MERELY DOING HIS SHARE TO KEEP AMERICA CLEAN.

THE BAROMETER OF HOW WELL THINGS WERE GOING WAS MR. RUMSFELD. HE NEVER GOT BEHIND EXCEPT FOR ~~THE~~ **THE AIDE'S.**

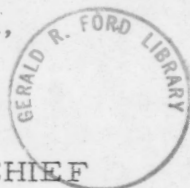
RUMSFELD WAS THEN QUESTIONED ABOUT HOW ~~HE~~ ^{LESS} URGENT MATERIAL WAS HANDLED. "RUMMY", AS THE PRESIDENT AFFECTIONATELY CALLS HIM, EXPLAINED THAT HE WALKED UP AND DOWN THE SIDE OF THE POOL. "WHEN HE STOPS AT EACH END OF THE POOL, I GIVE HIM SOMETHING TO READ. HE'S VERY QUICK YOU KNOW, TAKES COGNIZANCE OF THE MATERIAL, HANDS IT BACK TO ME AND THEN TAKES ANOTHER LAP." ONE INTERVIEWER ASKED RUMSFELD IF HE COULD GIVE AN EXAMPLE OF THE TYPE OF MATERIAL HANDLED THIS WAY. RUMSFELD SAID HE'D LIKE TO BUT EVERYTHING WAS SO SOGGY AND BLURRED WHEN HE GOT IT BACK THAT HE REALLY COULDN'T SAY.

NESSEN AGAIN CAME UNDER THE GUN WHEN HE WAS ASKED TO EXPLAIN WHAT THE PRESIDENT MEANT WHEN HE CALLED LIBERTY "AN ENDANGERED SPECIES". NESSEN CORRECTED THE RECORD TO ~~SHOW~~ THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD SAID ON CHRISTMAS



EVE THAT LIBERTY WAS AN "ENDANGERING SPECIES". THE PRESIDENT WOULD NOT ELABORATE WHY AND HAD NO COMMENT ABOUT WHY OR HOW LIBERTY CAME FLYING OUT THE SECOND STORY WINDOW OF THE BASS HOUSE ON THAT EVENING.

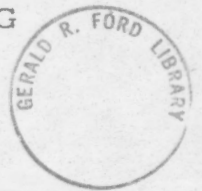
THE STORY REGARDING MALTREATMENT OF CHIEF MONZON, THE PRESIDENT'S VALET, BY THE FIRST LADY ALSO SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN VASTLY EXAGGERATED. SUPPOSEDLY, MRS. FORD HAD DECIDED THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD SLEEP AS LATE AS HE WANTED ON NEW YEAR'S DAY. WHEN MONZON WENT TO WAKE UP THE PRESIDENT AT THE TIME SPECIFIED BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, THE FIRST LADY, SAID, "IF YOU OPEN THAT DOOR, I'LL KNOCK YOUR BLOCK OFF!" MONZON, STUNNED BY THE DILEMMA OF CONFLICTING ORDERS BY HIS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ON ONE HAND AND THE FIRST LADY ON THE OTHER, RECOVERED QUICKLY AND DID WHAT HE KNEW WAS HIS DUTY AND IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF HIS COUNTRY. HE COULD NOT ALLOW HIMSELF TO BE INHIBITED. WITH CONVICTION AND COURAGE HE FACED THE FIRST LADY AND SAID, "WHAT TIME DO YOU WANT ME TO WAKE HIM?"



THE PREPARATION OF SOUFFLES IN THE HIGH ALTITUDE CAUSED SOME EARLY PROBLEMS FOR THE CHEFS. THESE PROBLEMS WERE EVENTUALLY SOLVED IN A TRULY INGENIOUS MANNER.

THE SOUFFLES WERE SERVED ON A VERY LOW TABLE TO GIVE AN ILLUSION OF HEIGHT.

THE PRESS HAD A DIFFICULT TIME COVERING THE MOVEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT, SOMETIMES WAITING LONG PERIODS IN ICY COLD SNOW BANKS. THE PRESIDENT CONGRATULATED THEM AT ONE POINT ON THEIR FORTITUDE. AFTER SPEAKING TO THEM FOR TEN MINUTES WITH NONE OF THEM RESPONDING, HE REALIZED THAT THEY WERE ALL FROZEN STIFF, EXCEPT FOR NESSEN WHO WAS ACCOMPANYING THEM. NESSEN WAS JUST PLAIN STIFF! NESSEN'S RE^{EA}PUTED COMMENTS ABOUT PLACES LIKE JAMACIA, FLORIDA, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, BURMUDA AND NASSAU WERE NOTED BY RUMSFELD. HE CAUTIONED NESSEN AGAINST SUCH SEDITIOUS COMMENTS AND WARNED HIM THAT AS SOON AS HE WAS ABLE TO MOVE HIS FINGERS HE WAS GOING TO WRITE A FEW THINGS DOWN.

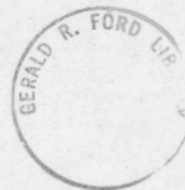


WHEN THE PRESIDENT MADE HIMSELF AVAILABLE TO THE PRESS FOR SKI SHOTS ON THE MOUNTAIN, HE CHATTED WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS CORPS CONGRATULATING THEM ON THE BEAUTIFUL SNOW-MAN THEY HAD BUILT. THE PRESIDENT WAS ADVISED THAT THE SNOW-MAN WAS IN FACT "CLEV" RYAN. THE COMPASSIONATE PRESIDENT SAID, "OH, TOO BAD, DO HIS LIGHTS STILL WORK? I'M READY TO SKI".

IT WAS THE GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THOSE INVOLVED WITH PLANNING THE PRESIDENT'S SKIING EACH DAY THAT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SKIING WITH THE PRESIDENT MUST BE REDUCED. THE FACT OF THE MATTER WAS THAT WHEREVER THE GROUP HUDDLED TOGETHER, THEY MELTED THE SNOW.

THE PRESIDENT WAS SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED IN FRANK ZARB'S PR PEOPLE. THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO MEDIA EXPOSURE ABOUT THE FIRST FAMILY'S ENERGY CONSERVATION MOVE ON CHRISTMAS DAY. THE PRESIDENT WAS QUOTED " NOT ONLY WAS THERE NOTHING ABOUT US GOING WITHOUT HEAT FOR THREE HOURS BUT THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS COMPLAINED ABOUT THE EXCESS SMOKE COMING OUT OF ~~THEIR~~^{OUR} CHIMNEYS.

MRS. FORD WEATHERED THE SITUATION QUITE WELL THOUGH SHE DID FRIGHTEN EVERYONE WITH HER ENTRANCE. BEDECKED IN A LARGE ALASKAN WOLF FUR COAT WITH OVERSIZED MUCKLUKS, SHE WAS BARELY IDENTIFIABLE EXCEPT FOR A CUP OF TEA. LIBERTY PROVED TO BE AN OUTSTANDING WATCHDOG, AS SHE COWERED BACK BY SUSAN AND WATCHED THE WHOLE SCENE IN DISBELIEF!



THE FAMILY CAT DID VERY WELL IN ITS NEW ENVIRONMENT, SUFFERING ONLY SEVEN NERVOUS BREAKDOWNS DURING THE TRIP. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE NEW YEARS EVE PARTY OCCURRED WHEN THE CAT BEING CHASED BY LIBERTY TOOK A FLYING DIVE OFF THE THIRD STORY BALCONY. TRU~~U~~^E TO FORM THE CAT LANDED ON ITS FEET. UNFORTUNATELY THE FEET WERE IN THE HEAD OF RON NESSEN. AF~~T~~^TER BRAVELY ENDURING THE DEEP CLAW MARKS NESSEN SAID GAMELY "THAT'S A CUTE CAT YOU'VE GOT THERE, SUSAN." BEFORE HE COULD REMOVE THE ANIMAL, CINDY HIS WIFE COMMENTED ON HOW NICE IT WAS TO SEE RON WITH SOME HAIR ON HIS HEAD. THOUGH DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN, RON WORE THE CAT FOR THE REST OF HIS TIME IN VAIL, IN SPITE OF LIBERTY CONTINUALLY CHEWING ON HIS PANTS LEG WHENEVER HE CAME OVER TO THE HOUSE. THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS RETAINED A HUMBLE ATTITUDE WAS CLEARLY EVIDENT WHEN HE MADE A POINT OF STARTING HIS OWN FIRES. UNFORTUNATELY AND TO THE DISMAY OF RUMSFELD HE USED CONGRESSIONAL BILLS TO GET THE FIRE GOING. BY THE END OF THE VISIT, RUMSFELD HAD SEVEN LITTLE ~~BOOKS~~^{UNITS} CONTAINING KEY LEGISLATION WHICH HE HAD TO TAKE BACK TO WASHINGTON. THE PRESIDENT TOLD LUKASH THAT HE WAS HOLDING TO HIS DIET, TAKING ONLY THREE LIGHT MEALS. UNKNOWN TO LUKASH HE MEANT THREE AT BREAKFAST, THREE AT LUNCH AND THREE AT SUPPER.



THE PRESIDENT WAS PLEASED WITH THE LOW KEY APPROACH EVIDENT THROUGHOUT THE TRIP. STAFF MEMBERS ARE ASKED NOT TO MENTION THE 2947 PLANELOADS OF SNOW FLOWN IN FROM CANADA . LIKewise THE MOUNTAIN FLOWN IN FROM UTAH SHOULD NOT BE MENTIONED UNLESS THE PRESIDENT BRINGS IT UP.

THERE WERE A FEW "LESSONS LEARNED":

1. DO NOT TRY TO GET THE PRESIDENT TO WORK WHEN HE WANTS TO SKI. BOTH MR. RUMSFELD AND MAJOR BARRETT DID SO AND ENDED UP IN A SNOW BANK WITH FROZEN ASSETS.
2. DO NOT TRY TO RUSH THE FIRST LADY ON THE DAY OF DEPARTURE OR SHE WILL THREATEN YOU WITH A STRIPTEASE AND EMBARRASS YOU TO DEATH.
3. BRING AT LEAST THREE INTER-CHANGEABLE FEMALES FOR KENNERLY AS ONE DOES NOT SEEM TO LAST.
4. DO NOT SPEND ANY MORE MONEY ON OBEDIENCE LESSONS FOR LIBERTY. WHEN SHE GOES OUTSIDE WITH THE PRESIDENT, SHE BEHAVES JUST LIKE CONGRESS; HE NEVER KNOWS WHETHER SHE'S GOING TO GO LEFT OR RIGHT, HEED OR BOLT OR JUST _____ ALL OVER THE PLACE.
5. CHECK THE HOUSE VERY CAREFULLY AFTER THE FIRST FAMILY LEAVES. THIS YEAR FOR EXAMPLE, WE FOUND GARDNER BRITT TIED-UP, GAGGED AND LOCKED IN A CLOSET ON THE THIRD FLOOR.



6. MAINTAIN A MOST CORDIAL TONE WHEN CALLING PEOPLE FOR THE PRESIDENT. THIS MAY NOT HELP MUCH BUT ON 90% OF THE CALLS HE'S ABOUT TO VETO ~~SOME~~ SOMEBODY'S BILL, SO IT MAY MAKE THINGS A LITTLE EASIER.

7. DO NOT WALK IN FRONT OF THE PRESIDENT WHILE HE'S WATCHING THE FOOTBALL GAMES. IF YOU DO, DUCK, THOUGH THE FRUIT REALLY DOESN'T HURT MUCH IF IT HITS YOU.

8. DO NOT PANIC WHEN SECRET SERVICE CALLS AND ASKS YOU IF YOU KNOW WHERE JACK IS. BOTH HE AND LIBERTY ALWAYS COME BACK.

9. WHEN THE PRESIDENT CALLS YOU AND ASKS, "DO I REALLY HAVE WORK TO DO TODAY?" -- REMAIN UNCOMMITTED IN YOUR RESPONSE UNTIL YOU TALK TO RUMSFELD. WHEN RUMSFELD ASKS YOU, "DO YOU REALIZE THE WORK THE PRESIDENT MUST DO? !" -- REMAIN EQUALLY UNCOMMITTED UNTIL YOU GO BACK TO THE PRESIDENT. ASK THE PRESIDENT, "DO YOU REALIZE THE WORK YOU HAVE TO DO TODAY?" THE PRESIDENT WILL RESPOND BY SAYING, "NO, WHY DON'T YOU ASK RUMSFELD?" DO NOT WEAKEN! ASK RUMSFELD "DO YOU REALIZE THE WORK THE PRESIDENT HAS TO DO TODAY?" DO NOT BE DISMAYED BY RUMSFELD'S IMMEDIATE REPLY BUT BE PATIENT AND HE WILL EVENTUALLY SAY "OH ALL RIGHT, I DIDN'T REALIZE HE HAD WORK TO DO TODAY. I WON'T BOTHER HIM WITH WHAT I'VE GOT."



YOU ARE NOW ALMOST OUT OF THE WOODS. RETURN TO THE PRESIDENT AND ADVISE HIM OF RUMSFELD'S REMARK. WHEN YOU SAY THAT RUMSFELD SAID THAT "HE (RUMSFELD) DIDN'T REALIZE THE WORK YOU HAD TO DO TODAY." -- THE PRESIDENT WILL, THEN SAY, "BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY WORK TO DO". AT THIS POINT YOU HAVE WON BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT'S FIRST QUESTION WAS, "DO I REALLY HAVE WORK TO DO TODAY?" NOW BY HIS OWN STATEMENT YOU CAN TRUTHFULLY ANSWER, "NO SIR, YOU DON'T HAVE WORK TO DO". THE PRESIDENT SHOULD NOW BE BROUGHT A STIFF MARTINI -- RUMSFELD SHOULD BE BROUGHT 2 ASPIRIN AND LIBERTY SHOULD BE BROUGHT HER PARAGORIC.

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P.S. BE SURE TO HANG THE STOCKINGS THE CHIMNEY WITH CARE, (EVEN IF SOME GIRL'S LEG IS STILL IN THEM.)

