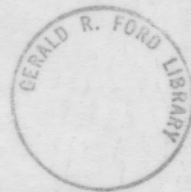


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October 8, 1975



Dear Jim,

How nice of you to invite the President and I to your annual Woolner "bash." We will be delighted to join you for cocktails and dinner on December 28th at 7:30 p.m. at Pepi's.

It is very kind of you to offer to include Jim and Gloria Brown. They had such a nice time last year, and I am sure they would be delighted to be included again.

Thank you for your kind invitation. The President and I are looking forward to seeing you and Trudy in Vall.

Sincerely,

Mr. James L. Woolner
19 Sheldrake Road
Searsdale, New York 10583

BF:ncc

bcc: Dorothy Downton
Bob Barrett



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 17, 1975

Dorothy,

Attached is a letter from Jim Woolner inviting the President and Mrs. Ford for cocktails and dinner on December 28th at Pepi's in Vail.

As you can see, Mrs. Ford saw the letter and would like to accept. In checking our file from last December's trip to Vail I found a copy of the letter sent from the President accepting Mr. Woolner's invitation.

Does the President want the response to this year's invitation handled the same way or would he like Mrs. Ford to accept the invitation?

Nancy -- Thanks for your

help!

Dorothy



JAMES L. WOOLNER
19 SHELDRAKE ROAD
SCARSDALE, N. Y. 10583

ok. check with scheduling -87.
9/9/75

Dear Mr. President & Mrs. Ford
Trudy and I are having
our annual Woolner "Bash"
at Vail again this year on
December 28th at 7.30 at
Pepi's and we would be
so tickled if you could honor
us by coming again for
Cocktails & Dinner. I've already
arranged for The Conference Room
& The Antlers Room at Pepi's
and Pete Leibert tells me
there is no Vail function
that night, so he and the
other old timers from Vail will
be coming again.



We have some wonderful pictures of last years party on our walls as have that your photographer took. Had a copy of one of them made for my son Jim's new office in his law firm in Chicago. He graduated from the Univ. of Chicago Law School this past June. Took the Bar in July & is waiting now to hear how he did.

Incidentally he did contact Adlai Stevenson last January to advise that you strongly favored Mr. Levi for Attorney General, as you suggested.

My whole family will be at Vail again Christmas and we hope you will bring as many as want to come to our party at Lepi's.

JAMES L. WOOLNER

19 SHELDRAKE ROAD

SCARSDALE, N. Y. 10583

We'll be very glad to invite
the Browns and any others you'd
like us to have at the party
on the 28th.

The Sacramento incident horrified
and angered all of us. I've seen
how the Secret Service works and
you are surely in superb hands
but for the country's sake, don't
take any more chances than
you feel you have to take
to live with yourself. There
are "crazies" in every country.

Sincerely

Jim Woolner



Nancy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1974

Dear Jim:

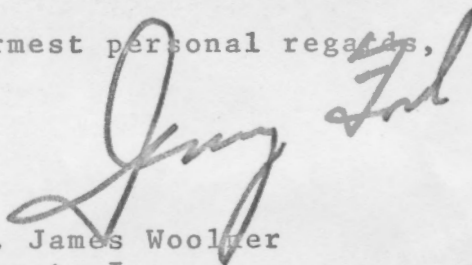
Thank you most sincerely for your thoughtful letter of November 19 inviting Mrs. Ford and me for cocktails and dinner on Sunday, December 29, at 7:30 in the Antlers Room at Pepi's.

We are delighted to accept your invitation, and as of now we are planning to be present.

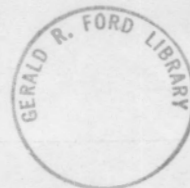
Would it be all right with you if Jim and Gloria Brown came along with us? If they could be included, we would be grateful.

Thank you again for your kind invitation. The entire Ford family is looking forward to our annual Vail skiing holiday.

Warmest personal regards,



Mr. James Woolner
Beconta Inc.
50 Executive Boulevard
Elmsford, New York 10523



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, D.C.

From the President:

To: Dorothy

Date: _____

Time _____

a.m.

p.m.

OK but indicate
Jim + Gloria Brown
with us. Wonder
if they could be
included.

James Woolner





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50 EXECUTIVE BOULEVARD

ELMSFORD, N.Y. 10523

TEL. 914-592-4444

TWX 710-567-1239

Tuesday - 11/19/74

Dear Mr. President

Trudy and I were really thrilled to receive your picture - Our house is being rebuilt steadily and we hope to move back in by late January. And we'll be proud to have your picture on our Den Wall again.

Every Christmas we give a party at Pegi's for cocktails & dinner for our Vaill friends (Dave & Renie Brsuck, the Pete Leberts, the Tom Knols, of course Pegi & Sheika) and some of our friends from home, plus our 3 boys and their friends. When I reserved the rooms last night for December 29th Pegi & Sheika asked me if we were inviting you and Mrs. Ford. I told them that



I was surely doing it but
I thought you probably were
overwhelmed. In any case,
This is definitely an invitation
for Cocktails + Dinner at
Peggy's at 7.30 (Dinner
at 9 PM in The Antlers Room)
and Inudy + I hope that
you ~~will~~ and Mrs. Ford
will be able to come.

We hope the trip to the
Orient wasn't too exhausting.
You are obviously in fine condition
and ready for Vail!

Sincerely

Jim Woolner

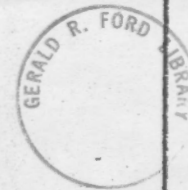


CHRISTMAS AT VAIL

Revised - December 2

DECEMBER 1975

21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		1020 Arr G. J.	0930 - 1030 Cheney; Nessen	0930-1030 Cheney; Nessen;	0930-1030 Cheney; Nessen;	0930-1030 Cheney; Nessen;
		1150 Arr Bass Residence	Scowcroft	Scowcroft	Scowcroft	Scowcroft
		Afternoon - Skiing	1100-1430 - Skiing	1100-1430 Skiing	1100-1430 Skiing	1100-1430 Skiing
		Evening - Free	1530-1630 Cheney	Possible Press Day	1530-1630 Cheney	Possible skiing with US Ski Team Representatives
			Evening Dinner at Kendalls - Midnight church service	Evening Free Dinner in Bass House with invitees? 1	Evening- Reception & Dinner - Brown & Bass	Evening - Dke Party at Red Lion Inn
0930-1030 Cheney; Nessen Scowcroft	0930-1030 Cheney; Nessen Scowcroft	0930-1030 Cheney; Nessen Scowcroft				
1100-1430 Skiing	1100-1430 Skiing	1100 Depart Bass Residence				
1530-1630 Cheney	1530-1630 Cheney	1230 Depart Grand Junction				
Evening - Reception - Jim Woolner	Evening - Dinner - Mr. & Mrs. Pep Gramshammer	1750 Arrive Andrews 1810 Arrive White House				



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MRS. FORD -

Ski type
menus we discussed
for possible use in
Vail - Ron Jackson
has copy -
MARIA



DINNER - 28 DEC

1. YOU HAVE DROP-BY AT WOOLNER PARTY - LEAVE HOUSE AT 7:05 PM.
2. RETURN AT 8:00 PM

YOUR DINNER GUESTS

- BROWNS
- KINDELS
- CROWS
- GRAMSHAMMERS
- PATTYS
- BOGNER'S
- BLOUTS
- SCOTT'S
- TWEEDY +

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Gourmet's Menus

APRÈS-SKI DINNERS

Valpolicella

Artichoke Bottoms with Eggs

Veal Marengo

Leeks Vinaigrette

Pears in Caramel



Beaujolais '70

Celery Root with Mustard Mayonnaise

Boeuf en Daube

Buttered Noodles

Green Salad

Compote of Spiced Prunes and Oranges *Gingerbread Squares*



*Castillo de Ygay,
Marqués de Murrieta*

Shrimp Hors d'Oeuvre

Mixed Lamb Grill en Brochette

Mint Butter

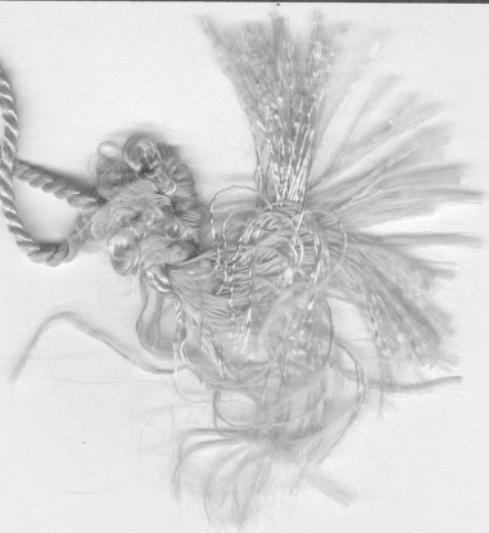
Flageolets au Gratin

Lemon Caramel Custard

Almond Tuiles



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*The third annual gathering of
the Brothers of Delta Kappa Epsilon
and friends at the Red Lion Inn,
Vail, Colorado - December 27, 1975*

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

Chateau La Journerie

Entre-deux-Mers 1972

Chateau Grand Barrail

St Emilion 1966

Menu

L'Essence de Volaille aux Paillettes d'Or

La Croustade de Fruits de Mer Cardinal

La Selle d'Agneau en Couronne Imperiale

Des Pommes Noisette au Beurre Blond

Des Carottes de Belgique Braisees

Les Fonds d'Artichauts Polignac

Les Coeurs de Saitue à l'Estragon

Les Oranges en Surprise

Δ K E Roster

Lorence C. "Larry" Burdick - Marge
University of Michigan
Miles Teel Bivins - Nina
Tulane University
George Caulkins - Ellie
Yale University
Jack Crosby - Joanne
University of Texas
William H. "Bill" Driscoll - Judy
Yale University
John Ferguson - Alicia
Yale University

Gerald R. "Jerry" Ford - Betty
University of Michigan and Yale University
Timothy R. "Tim" Garton - Rodnie
Yale University
Gerald M. "Gerry" Hoyt - Barbara
Dartmouth College
John F. "Jack" Malo - Betty
Yale University
Robert D. "Bob" Orr - Josie
Yale University
John L. "Tim" Tyler - Janet
Williams College

STRAY GREEKS

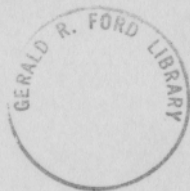
Charles E. "Ted" Kindel - Nancy
Beta Theta Pi - University of Michigan
Gordon Brittan - Thelma
Alpha Delta Phi - University of Chicago
Merrill "Haste" Hastings - Priscilla
Psi Upsilon - Bowdoin College

HONORARY GREEKS

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

SPECIAL GUEST

Mrs. George Knox
Vail



President & Mrs. Gerold Ford
& Family

Mr. Richard D. Bass
and
Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brown
cordially invite you to attend a reception
honoring the
President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford
on Friday, the twenty-sixth of December
Nineteen hundred and seventy-five
at seven o'clock in the evening
The Lodge at Vail, Colorado

Regrets only