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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
AND VAIL, COLORADO

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 19, 1976

Departure: 8:30 A.M.

From: Terry O'Donnell

TOD

BACKGROUND

Departing at 8:30 a. m. , you and Mrs. Ford will fly to Ypsilanti, Michigan, then motorcade to Ann Arbor, where you will:

1. 10:30 a. m. to 10:55 a. m.

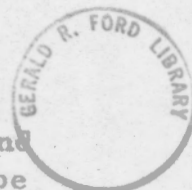
Meet with University of Michigan Officials (8) associated with the Gerald R. Ford Library project. (Mrs. Ford will not attend.)

2. 11:00 a. m. to 12:10 p. m.

You and Mrs. Ford will attend luncheon honoring Dr. Wilbur K. Pierpont, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for the University, and Honorary Degree recipients, in the Vandenberg Room. About 75 guests, including Mike, Jack and Susan, platform guests and University officials and their spouses will attend. After short introduction by Dr. Fleming, both you and Mrs. Ford will speak (two minutes).

3. 12:35 p. m. to 1:35 p. m.

Greet platform guests (58) in Michigan Lounge, then attend Commencement Exercises during which Mrs. Ford will be conferred an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. (You received a similar degree while Vice President in 1974.)





2.

Nearly 3,200 graduates will receive degrees at this ceremony although the University expects only 700-800 to personally pick up their diplomas because of the holiday timing. Each graduate received four tickets to the ceremony and it is anticipated that some 4,000 persons will be on hand. Mrs. Ford makes brief acceptance remarks after conferring of Honorary Degree. You do not speak.

Following the Commencement Exercises, you, Mrs. Ford, Mike, Jack and Susan return to the Michigan Lounge for a family photograph before returning to Willow Run Airport for a 2:05 p.m. departure en route Grand Junction, Colorado.

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The flight to Grand Junction requires 3 hours, 15 minutes, and the helicopter ride to Nottingham Farm another hour and 10 minutes.

You arrive at Vail Village at 4:55 p.m. After being greeted by Mayor John Dobson, you and Mrs. Ford light the Vail Christmas Tree. Following the tree lighting, you step to a microphone to offer season's greetings-- then proceed to your Residence.



SEQUENCE

8:30 a.m. You and Mrs. Ford board helicopter on South Lawn and depart en route Andrews AFB.

8:45 a.m. Arrive Andrews AFB. Board Air Force One.

8:50 a.m. Air Force One departs Andrews AFB en route Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

(Flying Time: 1 hour, 15 minutes)  
(No Time Change)

10:05 a.m. Air Force One arrives Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL

You and Mrs. Ford will be met by:  
Mr. Bill McLaughlin, State GOP Chairman  
Mr. Peter Fletcher, National Committeeman  
Mr. Richard Kennedy, Vice President for  
State Relations and Secretary of the  
University of Michigan

You and Mrs. Ford proceed to motorcade for boarding.

10:10 a.m. Motorcade departs Willow Run Airport en route University of Michigan Campus, Ann Arbor.

10:25 a.m. Motorcade arrives University of Michigan Campus (Michigan League Building).

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL



4.

You and Mrs. Ford will be met by:  
President and Mrs. Robben Fleming  
University of Michigan President

You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by President and Mrs. Fleming, proceed inside Michigan League en route Hussey Room.

10:30 a. m.

You and Mrs. Ford arrive Hussey Room and informally greet University of Michigan officials associated with the Gerald R. Ford Library project.

OFFICIAL PHOTO COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 8

NOTE: As soon as the greetings conclude, Mrs. Flemming will escort Mrs. Ford to her Holding Room (Kalamazoo Room). Mike, Jack and Susan may wish to accompany Mrs. Ford. You will meet briefly with those in attendance regarding the Library project.

10:35 a. m.

Mrs. Ford arrives Kalamazoo Room and takes her leave of Mrs. Fleming for personal time.

10:50 a. m.

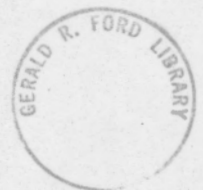
Mrs. Ford departs Kalamazoo Room en route Vandenberg Room.

10:52 a. m.

Mrs. Ford and the other members of the First Family arrive Vandenberg Room and informally greet luncheon guests.

10:55 a. m.

You thank those in attendance and, escorted by President Fleming, depart Holding Room en route Vandenberg Room for luncheon with University of Michigan Regents and other Commencement guests.



5.

11:00 a.m.

You arrive Vandenberg Room, join Mrs. Ford, Mike, Jack, Susan and Mrs. Fleming, and are seated for lunch.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
(WRITERS ONLY)  
ATTENDANCE: 75

11:05 a.m.

Lunch is served.

11:55 a.m.

Informal remarks by President Fleming, concluding in the introduction of Mrs. Ford.

12:00 Noon

Brief remarks by Mrs. Ford.

12:02 p.m.

Introduction of you by Dr. Fleming.

12:04 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
(WRITERS ONLY)

12:06 p.m.

Remarks conclude.

12:07 p.m.

President Fleming steps to the microphone, thanks you and Mrs. Ford, and concludes the luncheon.

12:08 p.m.

You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by President and Mrs. Fleming, proceed to motorcade for boarding.

12:15 p.m.

Motorcade departs Michigan League en route Crisler Arena, University of Michigan campus.





6.

12:20 p. m.

Motorcade arrives Crisler Arena.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL

You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by President and Mrs. Fleming, proceed to Michigan Lounge.

12:25 p. m.

You and Mrs. Ford arrive Michigan Lounge for robing.

PERSONAL TIME: 10 minutes

12:35 p. m.

Commencement guests arrive Michigan Lounge and informally greet you and Mrs. Ford.

OFFICIAL PHOTO COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 58

12:50 p. m.

Processional begins with the departure of dais guests.

NOTE: Mike, Jack and Susan will be escorted to their seats in Crisler Arena from the Michigan Lounge.

12:53 p. m.

You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by Dr. Fleming, Vice President Kennedy and Vice President Pierpont, proceed to offstage announcement area.

12:55 p. m.

You and Mrs. Ford arrive offstage announcement area and pause.

12:56 p. m.

"Ruffles and Flourishes"  
Announcement  
"Hail to the Chief"



12:57 p.m.

You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by Dr. Fleming, Vice President Kennedy and Vice President Pierpont, proceed onto platform and remain standing.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 4,000

1:00 p.m.

National Anthem by University of Michigan Symphony Band.

1:03 p.m.

Invocation by the Reverend Erwin A. Gaede, Minister, The First Unitarian Church.

1:05 p.m.

You and Mrs. Ford are seated.

1:06 p.m.

Musical selection by the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club.

1:10 p.m.

Remarks by Dr. Brymer Williams, Chairman of the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs.

1:13 p.m.

Remarks and introduction of Commencement Speaker by Dr. Fleming.

1:15 p.m.

Remarks by University Vice President W.K. Pierpont.

1:25 p.m.

Remarks by Dr. Fleming, concluding in the conferring of an Honorary Degree upon Mrs. Ford.

1:30 p.m.

Acceptance by Mrs. Ford.

1:32 p.m.

Remarks conclude. Mrs. Ford returns to her seat.

1:33 p.m.

Thank you by Dr. Fleming.



8.

1:34 p. m. You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by Vice President Kennedy, depart platform en route Michigan Lounge.

1:36 p. m. You and Mrs. Ford arrive Michigan Lounge, where you are joined by Mike, Jack and Susan for family photo and subsequent disrobing.

OFFICIAL PHOTO COVERAGE

1:40 p. m. You, Mrs. Ford, Mike, Jack and Susan proceed to motorcade for boarding.

1:45 p. m. Motorcade departs Crisler Arena en route Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti.

2:00 p. m. Motorcade arrives Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CLOSED DEPARTURE

You and Mrs. Ford board Air Force One.

2:05 p. m. Air Force One departs Willow Run Airport en route Grand Junction, Colorado.

(Flying Time: 3 hrs. 15 minutes)  
(Time Change: - 2 hours)

3:20 p. m. Air Force One arrives Walker Field,  
MST Grand Junction, Colorado.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL



9.

You and Mrs. Ford will be met by:  
Mrs. Maxine Albers, County Commissioners  
Chairman  
Mr. Jim Spellman, Airport Manager

You and Mrs. Ford board helicopter  
and depart en route Nottingham Farm  
Landing Zone, Avon, Colorado.

(Flying Time: 1 hour, 10 minutes)

4:35 p.m.

Helicopter arrives Nottingham Farm  
Landing Zone.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL

You and Mrs. Ford will be met by:  
Nottingham Family

4:40 p.m.

Board motorcade and depart Nottingham  
Farm en route Vail Village.

4:55 p.m.

Motorcade arrives Vail Village.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CROWD SITUATION

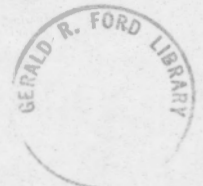
You and Mrs. Ford will be met by:  
Mayor John Dobson

You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mayor  
Dobson, proceed on foot approximately  
one block to the Vail Town Square for  
brief Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies.

5:05 p.m.

You and Mrs. Ford arrive platform in Town  
Square and remain standing.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE





5:07 p.m.

Welcoming remarks by Mayor John Dobson, concluding in an invitation to you and Mrs. Ford to light the Vail Christmas Tree.

NOTE: You will be shown a lever which you are to pull to activate the tree lights. You will then step to the microphone to offer season's greetings.

5:09 p.m.

Brief remarks by the President.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

5:10 p.m.

You and Mrs. Ford depart platform en route motorcade for boarding.

5:15 p.m.

Motorcade departs Vail Town Square en route Residence.

5:20 p.m.

Arrive Residence.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL

You and Mrs. Ford proceed inside Residence.

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ELIZABETH BLOOMER FORD, First Lady of the United States.

Shakespeare said ". . .some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." All of these circumstances are appropriate to the life of Betty Ford.

Your friends regard your courage and compassion as unflinching. They admire your outspoken commitment to the highest standards of personal and community life. These qualities testify to an inborn greatness of spirit.

That you achieved greatness is unquestioned. With Terpsichore your muse, you mastered the demanding art of dance to the satisfaction of no less a taskmaster than Martha Graham. Your flair for art led to other successes in modeling and fashion display. Characteristically, you have shared these abilities with the young, the handicapped, and all who are interested.

Few people have greatness thrust upon them with more dramatic suddenness than that which marked your ascendancy with Gerald R. Ford to Presidential responsibilities. Seldom have such awesome duties been in more earnest hands. Your style and substance have earned the admiration of a nation. The delightful fact that you could be simultaneously the First Mama of the radio channels and First Lady of the United States is testimony to your gift of grace and personal democracy.

The University of Michigan is delighted to receive a great lady and to confer upon you the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws.

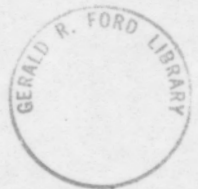
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President Fleming: "I now confer upon you, Elizabeth Bloomer Ford, the degree Doctor of Laws, and admit you to all its rights, honors and privileges."

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN COMMENCEMENT

DECEMBER 19, 1976

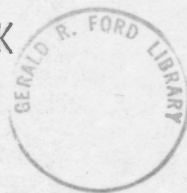


THANK YOU, DR. FLEMING.

THIS IS THE SECOND NICEST TITLE I'VE EVER RECEIVED.  
THE FIRST WAS MRS. GERALD FORD.  
WITH THIS WONDERFUL NEW DEGREE, I CERTAINLY HOPE I  
WILL BE SUCCESSFUL WITH THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT I'VE  
ALWAYS CHAMPIONED.

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THE PRESIDENT AND I ALSO FEEL LIKE GRADUATES TODAY.  
WE TOO BEGIN A NEW CHAPTER IN OUR LIVES, AND WE LOOK  
TO THE FUTURE WITH GREAT ANTICIPATION.



WE BELIEVE "THE BEST IS YET TO BE" FOR US AND FOR THIS  
COUNTRY. AND WE WILL BE WORKING TO ACHIEVE THAT HOPE FOR  
ALL AMERICA.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
December 1, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. FORD

FROM: BOB BARRETT  
SUBJECT: Vail Schedule

Attached is the proposed schedule showing possible events for yourself and the President to attend during your stay in Vail.

Some other things might develop such as a drop-by at the press party or dinner at a restaurant (The Left Bank or Purcell's) and another evening of dancing at Shieka's.

Attachment



Mrs. Ford  
 Issued: December 1, 1976

# WINTER VAIL 1976 \*\*TENTATIVE & CONFIDENTIAL\*\*

SUN 19	MON 20	TUES 21	WED 22	THUR 23	FRI 24	SAT 25
<p>ARRIVE 4:15 PM</p> <p>6:30 OPEN EVENING AT HOME</p>	<p>6:30 COCKTAILS &amp; DINNER AT SCOTTS</p>	<p>Chicken STEAK</p> <p>OPEN EVENING AT HOME</p>	<p>School play          Dee Kerton          Don Bucketh</p> <p>Kendalls          Pepi Shuka          Hemi Michella          after dinner</p> <p>OPEN EVENING AT HOME</p>	<p>Brownie          O'Laughlin          arrive</p> <p>PEPI &amp; SHIEKA          COCKTAILS (100)          DINNER (8-10)          INKSPOTS</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS EVE TO KINDELS          LATE CHURCH SERVICE</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS DAY</p> <p>Turkey</p> <p>OPEN EVENING AT HOME</p>
<p>BROWN &amp; BASS          COCKTAILS &amp; DINNER</p>	<p>GERALD R. FORD LIBRARY</p>	<p>COCKTAIL PARTY          HOSTED BY          JIM &amp; TRUDY          WOOLNER</p>	<p>Free?</p>	<p>DKE EVENT          AT RED LION          CARRY BURDICK          Marge</p>	<p>NEW YEAR'S EVE          CELEBRATE AT HOME</p>	<p>LAST DAY OF SKIING</p> <p>GERALD R. FORD LIBRARY</p> <p>OPEN EVENING AT HOME</p>
<p>SUN 26</p>	<p>MON 27</p>	<p>TUES 28</p>	<p>WED 29</p>	<p>THURS 30</p>	<p>FRI 31</p>	<p>SAT 1</p>
<p>SUN 2</p> <p>DEPART 10:30 AM</p>	<p>OPEN EVENING AT HOME</p>	<p>COCKTAIL PARTY          HOSTED BY          JIM &amp; TRUDY          WOOLNER</p>	<p>Free?</p>	<p>DKE EVENT          AT RED LION          CARRY BURDICK          Marge</p>	<p>NEW YEAR'S EVE          CELEBRATE AT HOME</p>	<p>OPEN EVENING AT HOME</p>



# WINTER VAIL 1976

SUN	19	MON	20	TUES	21	WED	22	THURS	23	FRI	24	SAT	25
ARRIVAL WITH WELCOME		SKI WITH PEDI & HENRY PATE		SKI WITH DON SHULA & DICK ANDERSON		SKI WITH CREEGHTON HOLDEN & TED KINDEL		SKI WITH SENATOR, GLENN & LT GOV OER				CHRISTMAS DAY	
		TEA DANCE FITZ & EILEEN SCOTT AT SHIEKA'S 7:00 AM		OPEN EVENING AT RESIDENCE		1:00 - MRS FORD TO MEADOW MT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 3:00 - DEE KEATON DINNER AT RESIDENCE WITH SCOTT & BEDWINS 7:30 PM		6:00 PM - CUB SCOUT CAROL GROUP AT RESIDENCE PEPI & SHIEKA AT 7:15 PM, COCKTAILS & DINNER.		CHRISTMAS EVE AT KINOEL'S 7:30 PM ATTEND MIDNITE MASS - CHAPEL 12:00 AM		OPEN EVENING	
7:00 PM - BASS-BROWN COCKTAILS THEN DINNER AT LEFT BANK	SUN	9:30 AM - RADIO TAPE FOR ROSE BOWL	MON	LUNCH WITH SKI PATROL ON MOUNTAIN	TUES	11:00 AM CALL MILDRED LEONARD.	WED	DROP-BY AT WHCA PARTY 7:00 PM DROP-BY AT USSS PARTY 7:20 PM DKE PARTY 7:45 PM	THURS	FRI	AIR FORCE TWO REUNION - DROP BY - 7:00 PM GUESTS FOR NEW YEARS? 10:00 PM	SAT	OPEN EVENING
DEPART 10:30 AM	SUN	OPEN EVENING AT HOME	MON	COCKTAIL PARTY 7:15 PM - JIM WOOLNER AT SHIEKA DINNER - CROWS AT PURCELL'S	TUES	OPEN EVENING	WED		THURS	FRI	SAT	SAT	SAT



1977

MRS. FORD

# JANUARY

OFFICIAL CALENDAR

As of December 14, 1976, 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*=private and/or no press  Vail						1   NEW YEAR'S DAY
2  -----D.C.	3	Congress Convenes 4	5  -8:00 Cabinet Dinner, D.C. (&GF)	6	7	8
F.Y.I. Super Bowl 9	10  -12:00 Medal of Freedom Ceremony -12:45 Luncheon (&GF)	Alice Paul's B-Day 11  PHOTO SESSIONS	12	13	14  -5:00 RNC Recpt. (&GF)	15  Camp David
16  Camp David	17	18	19	Inauguration 20	21	22
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28  	29



October 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BOB BARRETT  
FROM: Nancy Chirton

*For your information, the President and Mrs. Ford have accepted two invitations for parties during their Vail winter vacation this year.*

*One is during the evening of December 26th, hosted by Jim and Gloria Brown. The second is the evening of December 28th, hosted by Jim and Tandy Woolner.*

*Specifics as far as times, guest lists, etc. will be worked out later. If you need to get in touch with them, you can reach Jim Brown at 801/25703690 and Jim Woolner at 914/592-4444.*

cc: Dorothy Downton



Sunday Dec 26

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Karen - 2<sup>15</sup>

Pat - 6<sup>00</sup>

Tues Dec 28

Gloria & Marge - 1-13<sup>00</sup>

Pat - 6<sup>00</sup>



MRS. FORD  
PROPOSED SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

1:30 p.m. Luncheon at the Red Lion Inn.

Guests:

Marge Burdick

Gloria Brown

7:30 p.m. Jim and Trude Woolner's Cocktail Party at Sheika's.

8:30 p.m. Dinner at "Purcells"

Guests:

Margaret and Trammell Crow

Gloria and Jim Brown

Marion Martin and Dick Bass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

1:30 p.m. Luncheon at Eileen Scotts.

Guests:

Gloria Brown

Sheika

(possibly a luncheon group of no more than 6)

7:30 p.m. Cocktails and Dinner at Home.

Guests:

Sheika and Pepi Gramshammer

Cheryl and Henri Pate



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 21, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MRS. FORD

FROM: PETER SORUM

SUBJECT: YOUR VISIT TO MEADOW MOUNTAIN  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
December 22, 1976

Following advice from Bob Barrett that you would like to visit Meadow Mountain Elementary School, I went out to meet with school officials. As tomorrow is the last day of school, there will be afternoon parties and activities that conclude with a 3:30 p.m. dismissal. The school serves Vail, Avon, and Minturn and prides itself on its bilingual education program. The 350 students are in grades 1 - 4.

I recommend that you plan to leave the Bass House at 1:15 p.m. tomorrow for the 15-minute drive to the school. There you will be met by Principal Richard Wells who will escort you inside the school to introduce you to your fourth grade host and hostess. In each of four classrooms you will observe some classroom activity including singing and breaking of a pinata. After visiting all four grades, you will be shown the school Christmas tree in the media center where the entire school will gather to sing the two songs from the school Christmas program that they all know. Following the songs, you might wish to express your thanks to all and introduce your friend, Santa Claus, who will then appear. At that point, Mr. Wells will escort you to your car.

Press coverage and format will be similar to the Creel Elementary School visit without a dance with George Washington. Expected duration will be one hour maximum so that you will be back by 2:45 p.m.



Vote for ford ! ! ! ! !

Go ford go ! ! !

ford! go!  
Win!  
Win!



Boooooo! <sup>and</sup> carter!

ford gets the candy!





December 21, 1976

NOTE FOR MRS. FORD

FROM: BOB BARRETT

SUBJECT: Boy in the Photograph

The boy in the photograph with you is Bret Schober, son of Manford and Isabel Schober. Both Manford and Isabel work as ski instructors and have a small business in Vail. The photo was picked out by Paul Johnston who runs Christiana Lodge.



December 28, 1976

Wednesday, November 29  
Mrs. Fitzhugh Scott Luncheon  
1:30 p.m. - Scott Residence

GUESTS:

Mrs. Ford  
Mrs. Eileen Scott  
Mrs. Gloria Brown  
Mrs. Susie Meyer - Charlie Meyer was Under Secretary of State for Lat. America  
Mrs. Nancy Rich - from Lake Forest , you met she and Joe at the Scotts last year  
Mrs. Sheika Gramshammer



GUEST LIST FOR SCOTT'S PARTY - DECEMBER 20th

MEYER, Susan and Charlie  
RICH, Nancy and daughter Nancy  
PARISH, Sue  
TAYLOR, Ann and Vernon "MOOSE"  
DUKE, Maude and Ben  
HIGBY, Lorraine and Harley  
BROWN, Carol and Keith  
MILHOAN, Randy and Susan Brown  
BASS, Harry and date  
GRAMSHAMMER, Pepi and Sheika  
BURDICK, Larry and Marge  
KINDEL, Nancy and Ted  
HILL, Blanche and Corty  
STEINBERG, Flo and Tom  
PARKER, Barbara and Bob  
SLIFER, Heather and Rod  
MEYER, Fred and Donna  
BRITTANS, Thelma and Gordon  
DOBSON, Cissy and John  
WARREN, Marian and Bill  
TANG,  
KEELER, Clara and Henry  
COHEN, Jerry and Al  
WHITE, Elaine and Gary  
HOYT, Zane and Mitch  
MOLER, John  
SIEBERT, Joy and Peter  
PURCELL, John  
LUKASH, Bill and Lorraine Hodgson  
CHENEY, Lynn and Dick  
NESSEN, Cindy and Ron  
WEIDENFELD, Shelia and Ed  
SCOWCROFT, Brent  
BARRETT, Bob  
UTTER, Phoebe  
CAVANAUGH, Jim and Ester

INDIANS, FIVE UTES





GUEST LIST FOR SCOTT'S PARTY - DECEMBER 20th - Change 1

MEYER, Susan and Charlie  
RICH, Nancy and daughter Nancy  
PARISH, Sue  
TAYLOR, Ann and Vernon "MOOSE"  
DUKE, Maude and Ben  
HIGBY, Lorraine and Harley  
BROWN, Carol and Keith  
MILHOAN, Randy and Susan Brown  
BASS, Harry and Dorothy Calhoun  
GRAMSHAMMER, Pepi and Sheika  
BURDICK, Larry and Marge  
KINDEL, Nancy and Ted  
HILL, Blanche and Corty  
STEINBERG, Flo and Tom  
PARKER, Barbara and Bob  
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PURCELL, John  
LUKASH, Bill and Lorraine Hodgson  
CHENEY, Lynn and Dick  
NESSEN, Cindy and Ron  
WEIDENFELD, Shelia and Ed  
SCOWCROFT, Brent  
BARRETT, Bob  
UTTER, Phoebe  
CAVANAUGH, Jim and Ester

INDIANS, FIVE UTES

DOUGLAS, Morgan and Kathy  
HOLBROOK, Betty  
HEAD, Howard and Joan  
LOPEZ, Mrs.



NEW YEAR'S EVE 1976  
The Bass Residence  
December 31, 1976 - 10:00 p.m.

The President and Mrs. Ford  
BECKMAN, Aldo (Chicago Tribune) and Ms. Louise Hieman  
BENEDICT, Howard and Joy (AP)  
BROWN, Bill and Rowina  
BROWN, Jim and Gloria  
BURDICK, Larry and Marge  
CANNON, Lou and Virginia (Washington Post)  
CARLSON, John and Jan  
CAVANAUGH, Jim and Esther  
CAVANEY, Red and Vickie  
CHENEY, Dick and Lynne  
COCHRAN, John (NBC) and Ms. Janet Peckinpah  
CONKLIN, Pam  
CROW, Trammell and Margaret  
DeFRANK Tom and Mary Jane (Newsweek)  
DOMINA, Lee and Patti  
DuVAL, Michael  
GLENN, Senator and Mrs. John  
GRAMSHAMMER, Pepi and Sheika  
GROWALD, Richard (UPI)  
HOLM, General Jean  
JARRIEL, Tom and Joan (ABC)  
JONES, Phil and Pat (CBS)  
KINDEL, Ted and Nancy  
LERNER, Richard and Jan (UPI)  
LEWINE, Frances (AP)  
LUKASH, Dr. Bill and Ms. Lorraine Hodkinson  
McFARLANE, Bud and Jonda  
MOELLER, John  
O'DONNELL, Terry and Margaret  
O'LAUGHLIN, Bill and Susan  
PATTI, Henri and Cheryl  
PURCELL, John and Ms. Jan Coats  
SCOTT, Fitzhugh and Eileen  
SCOWCROFT, General Brent and Karen  
SHABECOFF, Phil and Alice (New York Times)  
SIEBERT, Peter and Joy  
TRAUB, Marvin and Lee  
WEIDENFELD, Sheila and Ed  
WOOLNER, Jim and Trude



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Mrs. Ford Receives Doctors of Laws Degree

First Lady Betty Ford was honored Sunday by the University of Michigan. The university cited her for what it termed her courage and compassion and outspoken commitment to the highest standards of personal and community life.

President Ford watched as his wife received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from his alma mater in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The President and his wife, along with two of their four children, stopped in Ann Arbor en route to a two-week skiing vacation in Vail, Colorado.

In brief remarks accepting her degree, Mrs. Ford said she and President Ford, who will be leaving the White House on January 20th, feel like graduates.

Mrs. Ford said: "With this wonderful new degree I certainly hope I will be successful with the Equal Rights Amendment I've always championed." (NBC)

She added, "We believe the best is yet to be for us and for this country. And we will be working to achieve that hope for all America." (NBC)

The degree was bestowed by University President Robben Fleming. He said that Mrs. Ford "exemplifies today's independent woman, expressing her views honestly and forcefully." He said she had combined "an assertive position on women's rights with the dedication to family values and ties."

The University citation said: "Your style and substance have earned the admiration of a nation."

During the four-hour stopover in Michigan, Ford met with University officials who will be associated with the Gerald R. Ford Library on the school campus. His presidential papers and memorabilia will be stored in the library. AP,UPI,NBC -- (12/19/76)

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Fords Sign an Agent for Book (Books?)

(By Frank Jackman, excerpted, N.Y. Daily News)

Question: What do the Ford family and Chevy Chase, the comedian who gained fame portraying the President as a klutz on NBC-TV's Saturday Night Live show, have in common?

Answer: Both are celebrity clients of the William Morris Theatrical Agency.



Simon Predicts Oil Cartel Collapse

Treasury Secretary William Simon said Sunday the Middle East oil cartel is sure to collapse eventually, and the only question is when the breakup will occur.

Simon said on NBC's Meet the Press he was "extremely pleased" that Saudi Arabia and the United Arab emirates have decided to raise oil prices only half as much as other members of the Organization of Oil Producing and Exporting Countries.

Asked if the split OPEC decision on price increases signaled the breakup of the oil cartel, Simon replied: "I wouldn't be that near-term optimistic, but I've often said it's not a matter of whether the OPEC cartel would break up, but when."

He said the cartel "will break up faster" if the United States encourages oil independence by decontrolling domestic prices to encourage exploration and development by U.S. firms.

He also said the country is "in the midst of a balanced, healthy economic expansion that has been underway since April, 1975." The .1 percent increase in unemployment last month represented "a pause" in expansion rather than being a sign of growing recession, he said.

Simon defended his costly trips abroad using government planes and taking along about 40 staff members in the final months of the Ford Administration. He said the trips were strictly for government business and the support crew was needed, partly to consult with their counterparts abroad.

Simon again indicated he does not wish to be named Republican National Committee chairman, especially if it is a fulltime job. But he declined to specifically rule himself out of consideration. AP,UPI,NBC's Meet the Press -- (12/19/76)



Carter to Name Bell, Attorney General

President-elect Jimmy Carter is expected on Monday to name a fellow Georgian, former U.S. Circuit Judge Griffin Bell, as Attorney General and Duke University economist Juanita Kreps as his first woman Cabinet member.

The Carter staff announced Sunday night that the President-elect would name three Cabinet members at an 11 a.m. EST news conference Monday.

It was believed that Dr. Kreps, a Labor economist and vice president for general administration at Duke, would be named Commerce Secretary, or less likely, Labor Secretary.

"Any statements have to come from the Plains headquarters," Dr. Kreps said by telephone from her home in Durham, N.C.

Dr. Kreps' nomination would ease the pressure on Carter, who has been criticized for not naming any women to high positions. After attending church in Plains, Carter refused to comment on the expected choice of Bell.

Bell was playing golf Sunday but it was learned he had arranged to come to Plains Monday morning. He told Atlanta reporters any announcement would have to come from Carter, but he acknowledged discussing the Attorney General's job with the President-elect.

"We've discussed lots of things, including jobs and problems," Bell said. "That's about as far as I can go... There's been so much speculation already. Somebody asked if I'd go on the Supreme Court the other day. I said 'yes, but there aren't any vacancies.'"

One of Bell's law partners is Charles Kirbo, Carter's confidant and senior advisor.

Bell was appointed to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals by John F. Kennedy in 1961. He resigned last March 1, complaining at the time that federal judges are overworked and more judgeships at higher pay are needed.

But Bell gained considerable experience with civil rights enforcement as a judge on the circuit covering the deep South in the 1960s. His appointment as Attorney General might be a sign Carter will beef up civil rights enforcement.

Judy Woodruff reported the Bell appointment could cause some problems for Carter since Bell was involved in some de-

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cisions which made civil rights activists unhappy. "What bothers them most is his role in upholding an Atlanta school desegregation plan that did not call for busing," Woodruff said. (NBC)

A spokesman for the NAACP told Woodruff that the selection of Bell is a slap in the face for the black community that Bell was even considered. The National Bar Association, a group of black lawyers has reportedly already told Carter that Bell is unacceptable to them. Other civil rights activists say they are disappointed. They say although they expect Congress to approve the nomination, they say it will be looked at very carefully, Woodruff reported.

Carter reportedly would rather have named a black to head the Justice Department but he was known to have decided against at least three he was seriously considering: Rep. Barbara Jordan, attorney Patricia Harris and federal Judge Leon Higgenbotham, Woodruff said. AP, UPI, NBC -- (12/19/76)

Blumenthal Discusses Unemployment, Kissinger

Treasury Secretary-designate W. Michael Blumenthal says he considers an unemployment rate of more than 5 percent "unacceptable," according to an interview in the current issue of Newsweek magazine.

In a concurrent interview, with Time magazine, Blumenthal said outgoing Secretary of State Kissinger "still doesn't know much about foreign economic policy" -- one reason Europe and Japan feel it is difficult to do business with the United States.

Asked by Newsweek what he considered a "reasonable" rate of unemployment, Blumenthal replied, "Nothing is reasonable and anything over 5 percent is unreasonable." He added, "I simply do not accept the notion that there has to be a trade-off (between unemployment and inflation) or that relatively full employment can only be achieved at the cost of a high inflation rate.

"With a cautious, well-framed economic program and a collaborative effort in which we get labor and management to understand what we're trying to do, and enlist their help, we can make progress."

He also said for some time, "there has been a feeling in Europe and Japan that it's difficult to do business with the U.S. That's why, among other things, the trade negotiations in Geneva, which were started three years ago, are stalled."



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He blamed Kissinger for part of the problem. "I think he feels the way General (Charles) de Gaulle did: This is something to be left to the quartermasters," Blumenthal said.

"Foreign economic policy has been a kind of stepchild in Washington to be kicked around," he added. "There has been no leadership."

On the subject of relations with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Blumenthal said, "The OPEC countries need us as much as we need them and we do not need to speak in terms of leverage or confrontation. I don't think we should ever be afraid to defend our interests clearly and forcefully," he said, "but in an interrelated world no one gains from chaos, dissension and waving a big stick. If we mean what we say and say what we mean -- and above all if we develop our own energy policy on a long-term basis and have the American people behind it -- we can find constructive ways of getting along with OPEC," he said. AP,UPI,Newsweek, Time -- (12/19/76)

Mayors Happy with Carter Selections

The mayors of Newark and Detroit expressed confidence Sunday in Jimmy Carter's process for selecting top Administration officials and said they don't expect him to have any problem appointing blacks.

The two black mayors, Kenneth Gibson of Newark and Coleman Young of Detroit, spoke favorably of Carter's transition activities in an interview on CBS-TV's Face the Nation program.

"It's refreshing for me to hear a candidate saying the same thing after the election as he did before," said Young. "He has been very consistent."

Gibson said Carter struck him "as far above what I had expected" at a recent meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors where proposals to aid the nation's cities were discussed.

Young, who has asked not to be considered for appointment to head HEW, said he thinks Carter needs to break away from the concept of "black positions," or "women's positions. Already, President-elect Carter has broken a mold, a tendency to look at certain Cabinet posts as most appropriate to blacks," he said, pointing to his nomination of Rep. Andrew Young as U.N. Ambassador. Asked if a Dunlop Labor appointment would be acceptable to him, Young replied: "He certainly wouldn't rank high on my list as a Nixon retread."

AP,UPI -- (12/19/76)



Reporters Assess Cabinet Appointees

Journalists on "Agronsky and Company and "Washington Week in Review" commented on President-elect Carter's Cabinet choices.

All agreed one of Carter's toughest decisions will be who to name as Secretary of Defense -- James Schlesinger, whom the Jackson wing of the party favors and who has greatly impressed Carter; Harold Brown, who Carter is said to favor; or Paul Warnke, not mentioned as often as the other two.

Joseph Kraft said the three men being considered are not that different and that the attempt to categorize them is not healthy in that Carter could name someone other than the three, one who is not nearly as qualified. (Ag.&Co.)

Carl Rowan said he did not think Carter would pick Schlesinger as it would make the President-elect look too "anti-Soviet," therefore, Brown will probably be the next Secretary of Defense. Kraft disagreed, saying Schlesinger could be useful if Carter could control him. (Ag.&Co.)

Comments were varied on the selection of Andrew Young to the post of U.N. ambassador.

Young has taken on quite a gamble, Rowan said. Young said recently, Rowan quoted, "Here's how these white folks operate in the United States. They send Pat Moynihan to the U.N. to wreck everything and then they ask a black guy to go pick up the pieces." Will Young have to read the same material, written by "some faceless bureaucrat" that Moynihan and Pearl Bailey read? If so, Rowan said, he will be run out of New York. (Ag.&Co.)

Next to being vice president, ambassador to the U.N. is the most worthless job in town, James J. Kilpatrick added. Sending Young to the U.N. may not do much for the U.N. or for Young. It is sort of a dead end for political careers, Kilpatrick said.

Kilpatrick said he hopes Zbigniew Brzezinski will get "a good ghost writer." Kilpatrick said he's tried to read magazine articles Brzezinski has written but couldn't tell where he stands. (Ag.&Co.)

It has been a frustrating search to find women and blacks in the Cabinet, Kraft and Rowan agreed. Many have refused a Cabinet position because of present position, financial difficulties or personal problems. However, Carter will find himself a black and several women for Cabinet positions, Rowan predicted. (Ag.&Co.)

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No black American has ever held any job of consequence in the Defense Department. Many blacks are saying, "Don't offer me a job in HUD or HEW. Let me go over there and say something about spending all that money for bombs and bullets," Rowan commented.

Charles Corddry predicted that Carter could try to appease AFL-CIO by putting John Dunlop in as Labor Secretary, Brown as Defense Secretary to appease Carter himself, put a few women and blacks in the Cabinet and then find a job for Schlesinger. It is ironic, he added, that Carter may have to appease labor when he said he didn't owe anyone anything during the campaign. (Wash. Week)

Both Michael Blumenthal and Charles Schultz are very capable, Eileen Shanahan noted. Blumenthal is interesting as he has prompted corporate ethics programs among corporations. He also has said corporations shouldn't have to be secretive any more than the government should, Shanahan said. (Wsh.Wk)

Women are quite upset that Carter had not yet named a woman to his Cabinet. They will not be appeased by Carter making women undersecretaries of various departments, Shanahan noted. (Wash. Wk.)

Carter's appointments have been "safe" but certainly aren't producing the new faces which were expected, George F. Will commented. (Ag.&Co.) Agronsky & Co., Washington Week -- (12/19/76)

Mr. Carter's U.N. Ambassador  
(Editorial, excerpted, Baltimore Sun)

Rep. Andrew Young will bring to the U.N. an intellect, moral purpose, a negotiating talent, and sociability. These are gifts which would in time have made him a major figure in Congress, and also those of a diplomat. He has been interested in areas of foreign policy that suffered from neglect until recently in official Washington, but not in the broad range of world affairs. A large staff at the U.S. mission has made up this gap in the backgrounds of other political appointees.

his nation's foreign policy. That is the burden and glory of the job, which Mr. Young indicated he understands well enough. -- (12/18/76)

Young's Decision Draws Criticism

(By Vernon Jarrett, excerpted, Chicago Tribune)

Rep. Andrew Young's acceptance of President-elect Carter's appointment as ambassador to the U.N. did not set well with many of his closest friends in his congressional district in Atlanta. And, indeed, their misgivings are justified. They did not question Young's capacity to do an outstanding job at the U.N. But they did fear the political chaos that could follow in the choice of his successor in his biracial 5th Congressional District.

Moreover, many feel he could do more good for America's disadvantaged by staying in Congress and helping to steer passage of legislation critical to blacks and other minorities.

## Mr. Brzezinski: Hardline Morality

Zbigniew Brzezinski said yesterday that the times "demand the very best from us, not only intellectually but morally," which will be eminently sound advice for the national security adviser to give to President Carter when both are installed in the White House.

Mr. Brzezinski's appointment and that of Cyrus Vance as Secretary of State represent a return of the foreign policy establishment of the

on the Kissinger model, but has greatly broadened his outlook into a world view. Never one to trust the Russians, he concedes that accommodation is necessary but wants it more "reciprocal." He thinks the strategic arms limitation levels tentatively set by President Ford and Secretary Brezhnev were too high, but he must also operate under the pressure of Mr. Carter's desire for an early SALT II agreement. The new

Balt. Sun  
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CARTER IS WELL-ADVISED TO MAKE HASTE SLOWLY

Editorial, excerpted, Philadelphia Inquirer

There is a consensus that something must be done to get the economy moving, but President-elect Carter has been getting conflicting advice on what that ought to be:

• From his transition staff he has received the proposal for an injection of about \$20 billion into the economy in the current fiscal year, three-quarters of that by way of tax rebates and reduced 1977 withholding, one-quarter in jobs programs.

Caution on the fiscal side is also wise at this point. Mr. Carter is not in office yet. He has chosen the top men on his economic team—Georgia banker Bert Lance to the Office of Budget and Management, Bendix Chairman W. Michael Blumenthal to the Treasury and Charles L. Schultz of Brookings as the chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers—but the team, not yet complete at the lower levels, will need time to study the field.

Phila. Inquirer  
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'What Reorganization, Dear?'  
(Editorial, excerpted, Philadelphia Inquirer)

Putting a government together, Jimmy Carter is learning, is hard work. For all his problems thus far, however, his sternest test may yet lie ahead.

To His Excellency, Mr. Carter

Stay tuned. -- (12/17/76)

Manpower Report on Jobless May Take Pressure Off Carter  
(By Jerome Cahill, excerpted, N.Y. Daily News)

A panel of government officials and experts from the private sector has set an "interim" full employment goal for the next four years that falls substantially below the targets embraced by President-elect Carter and key members of Congress.

Reflecting the view of many economists that changes in

Tensions in the Oil Cartel  
(Editorial, excerpted, Baltimore Sun)

In the past three years, Saudi Arabia has become one of the great creditor nations. After running a current accounts surplus of only \$3 billion in 1973, it piled up surpluses of about \$33 billion in each of the years 1974, 1975 and 1976. Together with the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait, it accounts

relations. That, it seems, is the way superpowers do business with one another. -- (12/19/76)

Brezhnev Celebrates Birthday

Leonid Brezhnev, celebrating his 70th birthday at a Kremlin ceremony attended by leaders of eight other Communist countries, said Sunday Soviet world influence is at an historic high because of the "profound peacefulness of our foreign policy."

The General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party spoke during a ceremony in the Ornate Yekaterinsky Hall of the 19th century grand Kremlin Palace, where he was awarded his third Order of Lenin, second Gold Star Medal of a hero of the Soviet Union and the Arms of Honor, a sword bearing the state emblem in gold.

"Never before during all its history has our country enjoyed such prestige and influence in the world," Brezhnev declared. "This prestige, this influence are first of all a result of the profound peacefulness of our foreign policy."

Brezhnev cited the Soviet Union's struggle to eliminate the danger of war -- "first of all nuclear war" -- to achieve disarmament and the relaxation of international tension and to defend "the freedom and independence of peoples" and "the sovereign rights of states." AP,UPI,NBC -- (12/19/76)

U.S.Plane Hits Baltimore Stadium

A light plane buzzing Memorial Stadium crashed into the upper deck shortly after the Baltimore-Pittsburgh professional football playoff game Sunday, but the stands were empty and there were no reports of injuries to fans.

Baltimore police said the single engine Cherokee smashed into the stadium about 10 minutes after the fans had left. Police said the condition of the pilot or whether the plane carried any passengers was not immediately known.

Bystanders reported the pilot escaped but was hospitalized with massive head injuries. Witnesses said the plane entered the open end of the horseshoe-shaped stadium and tried to rise as it approached the closed portion.

The white and blue plane landed nose down in the upper deck just above the baseball press box which was being used as an auxiliary press facility for the American Football Conference game, won by the Steelers 40-14. AP,UPI,NBC -- (12/19/76)



NATO: Good and Bad News  
(Editorial, excerpted, Chicago Tribune)

Our European allies have received assurances from President-elect Carter that NATO will be "sustained and strengthened" under his administration.

Europe needs -- and perhaps deserves -- encouraging words like this whenever a new President is elected. In their

AppointmentsCarter Chooses Andrus

President-elect Carter named Gov. Cecil Andrus of Idaho Saturday to become his secretary of interior. He called his fourth Cabinet choice "a tough, competent manager" with impeccable credentials as an environmentalist.

Carter said it was the only post for which he had never considered anybody but the man he chose. Andrus has won praise for his environmental policies while governor.

Andrus said, "It's exciting and I'm very pleased to be a part of the new Administration in America, particularly when our next President of the United States as personally being involved in the protection of the heritage of America." (CBS)

At his fourth nationally broadcast news conference in five days, Carter said he was at work on plans to consolidate U.S. energy programs under one department, he said he had not decided on details, and was not ready to name a man to head the department.

There has been speculation that the job might go to former Defense Secretary Schlesinger. Carter praised Schlesinger's background, talent and intelligence, but would not say what position he might get. Schlesinger, a former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, was in Plains to confer with the President-elect.

With eight children, Schlesinger is said to frown on a CIA head job because of the lower salary, Ed Bradley reported. (CBS)

Theodore Sorenson, special counsel for President Kennedy who is under consideration for CIA head also met with Carter Saturday. On the subject of intelligence, Carter told the news conference, "I think that the head of the intelligence community ought to be a strong and capable person, one who is able to draw together the different elements of data collection and presentation but I want to keep at least an adequate amount of diversity in sources of information. I would like to be the one to judge between two major, perhaps conflicting sources of information and not let some subordinate person, not even a very powerful head of the intelligence community make that choice for me." (CBS)

Carter also said he was assessing the question of who should be FBI director and that the candidates included Clarence Kelley. Another candidate mentioned by Carter was Frank M. Johnson, a federal judge from Montgomery, Ala.  
AP, UPI, CBS -- (12/18/76)

Carter to Proceed with Pardon Plan

President-elect Carter said Saturday he intends to proceed with his plan to pardon Vietnam draft evaders after he takes office.

Fifty-eight members of Congress and congressmen-elect went on record Saturday as favoring such a pardon. Friday, 106 congressmen sent Carter a letter urging him to reconsider the plan.

Saturday, an amnesty group in New York expressed disappointment on Carter's statement saying they hope Carter will not close his options to broaden the scope of his pardon before Vietnamese veterans are given a hearing. AP,UPI,CBS -- (12/18/76)

FRIDAY NEWSFORD ADMINISTRATIONOPECPresident Says Action Harms All

President Ford had denounced as "irresponsible" and shortsighted the decision by a majority of oil exporting nations to raise oil prices by 15 percent.

In a strongly worded statement Friday, Ford charged the majority of the OPEC with ignoring "the destructive consequences of their action," and said it should remind Americans "of the need to take urgent action" to conserve and develop energy resources. He praised Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, which chose to raise their oil prices by only 5 percent.

"Unfortunately, however, the majority of OPEC members, citing artificial economic justifications and ignoring the destructive consequences of their actions, chose to take a course which can only be termed irresponsible," Ford said in a statement released by the White House.

President-elect Carter praised Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates for holding their oil price increase to 5 percent, but withheld comment on the 15 percent increase by the 11 other producers. Press Secretary Jody Powell said Carter "appreciates the statesmanlike actions of the Saudis and Emirates." AP,UPI,Networks -- (12/17/76)

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Superports Approved by Coleman

Secretary Coleman announced Friday that he will approve licenses for two controversial superports in the Gulf of Mexico.

Coleman imposed a number of economic and environmental restrictions on two oil groups that have proposed constructing the offshore ports, requiring that access to the facilities be open to all shippers and that the companies agree in writing to assume all liability for any oil spills.

But the outgoing Transportation Secretary rejected pleas from the Federal Trade Commission and the Justice Dept. that he impose limits on "excess profits" that the two agencies said petroleum firms would earn from their investments in the two ports.

Coleman also rejected a proposal from city and port officials in Galveston, Tex., who have proposed building a publicly owned, onshore superport they said would be cheaper to construct.

The two proposals approved by Coleman were made by Seadock, Inc., for a superport 26 miles from Freeport, Tex., and Loop, Inc., for a similar facility 18 miles off Grand Isle, La. Use of the new ports -- which would be the first in the U.S. designed to handle huge tankers carrying imported oil -- will lead to a 30 percent reduction in oil transport costs, Coleman said. AP, UPI, CBS -- (12/17/76)

CARTER ADMINISTRATIONAppointmentsCarter Meets More Cabinet Prospects

President-elect Carter met with more prospective Cabinet appointees Friday. Among them were Joan Manley, a vice president of Time, Inc., Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus, Lane Kirkland, AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer, and Juanita Kreps, vice president of Duke University. On her way to meet with the President-elect in Plains, Dr. Kreps said, "I'm very happy where I am." (CBS)

The Carter talent searchers are frustrated in their efforts to find talented individuals to fill Cabinet posts because many of those under consideration have refused the jobs. Among these are Vernon Jordan, executive director of the National Urban League; Coleman Young, Mayor of Detroit; and Los Angeles Mayor Thomas Bradley.

The reasons cited for the drop out rate range from personal to financial to political ambitions in another direction. One Carter official called the situation bizarre, Barry Serafin reported. (CBS) As the list has shrunk, so has the available administration experience needed to run the massive



agencies. Those on the list for the Departments of Housing and Commerce will know they were not Jimmy Carter's first choices, Serafin said. AP, UPI, CBS -- (12/17/76)

INTERNATIONALOPEC15% Boost Rejected by 2 Nations

Conservative oil giant Saudi Arabia broke with the oil cartel Friday and refused to go along with a 15 percent price increase decreed by 11 of the 13 members. The Saudis said they will lift all production ceilings to hold the price increase to 5 percent for the next year.

Sheik Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi oil minister, predicted the 11 members of the OPEC who voted for the higher increase will be unable to apply their increase.

"I expect the increase in the world's price of crude won't be more than 5 percent," Yamani said.

But Iranian delegation chief Jamshid Amouzegar said the average increase -- taking into account the majority 15 percent increase, the 5 percent increase by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, plus their one-third share of the OPEC production -- would amount to 8 or 8.5 percent.

Yamani said he doubts that the higher prices approved by the other members will hurt the world economy because those prices will not hold up on the open market.

Yamani said, "What will happen is this: If they insist on this 10 percent and 15 percent increase, their production will drop very sharply and our production of course will go up and I think that our prices will prevail." (NBC)

This open break, perhaps in the long run, will be the most significant development in this OPEC conference, John Palmer reported. (NBC) AP, UPI, Networks -- (12/17/76)



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