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In honor of  
His Excellency  
The President of the Italian Republic  
and Mrs. Leone

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Wednesday, September 25, 1974

GUNTHER SCHULLER, President of the New England Conservatory of Music, composer and jazz historian, began the formal study of music when he was twelve years old. Four years later he began his professional career, playing that year in the American premiere of Shostakovich's Seventh Symphony under Toscanini. After seventeen years of playing under leading conductors, Mr. Schuller began to devote his time exclusively to composing. His works have been played by major symphony orchestras and he has been the guest conductor with leading orchestras in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, and throughout Europe. He served on several music faculties before becoming President of the Conservatory. In 1974 President Ford named Gunther Schuller to the National Council on the Arts.

The New England Conservatory of Music, established in 1867, is the oldest music conservatory in the United States. Many graduates are members of symphony orchestras in this country and throughout the world. The Conservatory Chorus, Orchestra and Ragtime Ensemble recently returned from a triumphal tour of Switzerland, France and Holland.

The New England Conservatory Ragtime Ensemble was formed in the Spring of 1972 as part of a Romantic American Music Festival at the Conservatory. It has earned universal acclaim and won a Grammy Award for the best Chamber Music Performance of 1973. Under the guidance of Gunther Schuller, it is one of the prime forces in the revival of ragtime music, especially that of Scott Joplin.

## PROGRAM

*The Entertainer*

*Cascades*

*Wall Street Rag*

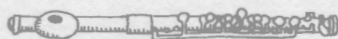
*Bethena Waltz*

*Maple Leaf Rag*

Scott Joplin

*Grandpa's Spells*

Jelly Roll Morton



THE NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY  
RAGTIME ENSEMBLE

GUNTHER SCHULLER, *Conductor*

EDWIN BARKER (*bass*)  
JUDITH BEDFORD (*bassoon*)  
MARK BELAIR (*percussion*)  
BRUCE COPPOCK (*cello*)  
MARCUS FIORILLO (*guitar*)  
THOMAS FOULDS (*trombone*)  
VIRGINIA IZZO (*viola*)  
BARBARA KNAPP (*oboe*)  
GARY OFENLOCH (*tuba*)  
MARY O'REILLY (*violin*)  
DAVID RESKIN (*flute*)  
MYRON ROMANUL (*piano*)  
VICTOR SAWA (*clarinet*)  
GEORGE SULLIVAN (*horn*)  
AMY TEARE (*violin*)  
ROBERT WINIKER (*trumpet*)





Henry Edward Catto, Jr.  
Chief of Protocol  
of the United States of America

9/19/74

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 19, 1974

To: Mrs. Nancy Howe  
The White House





9/16/74

THE STATE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES OF  
HIS EXCELLENCY GIOVANNI LEONE  
PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC  
AND MRS. LEONE

TUESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 24, 1974

4:00pm

Arrive Patrick Henry Airport, Hampton Roads,  
Virginia. (Alitalia Charter, tail #6066).

Welcoming Committee

NOTE: Aircraft will  
then proceed to Dulles.

4:10pm

Depart airport via motorcade enroute Colonial  
Williamsburg.

Motorcade to Williamsburg.

4:25pm

Arrive Colonial Williamsburg and proceed to  
residences.

See accommodations tab.

5:00/5:30pm

Tour of Colonial Williamsburg by horse-drawn  
carriage.

6:50pm

Depart Colonial Williamsburg via motorcade  
enroute Carters Grove Plantation.

Motorcade

7:00pm

The President of Colonial Williamsburg, Inc.  
and Mrs. Carlisle Humelsine give a dinner in  
honor of The President of the Italian Republic  
and Mrs. Leone, at Carters Grove Plantation.

Dress: Business suit

Following dinner, return to Colonial Williams-  
burg residences.

WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 25, 1974

9:20am 950

Depart Williamsburg via US Helicopters enroute  
Washington, D.C.

Helo 1: 7 Italians

Helo 2: 12 Italians

Baggage Helo: 3 Italians



WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 25, 1974

flying time: 1 hour 05 minutes

1055  
10:25am (tent)

Arrive the President's Park (Ellipse) and depart immediately enroute the South Lawn of the White House.

1100  
10:30am (tent)

Arrive the White House South Lawn for Full Military Honors Arrival Ceremony.

Interpreters for Pres. & Mrs. Leone.  
Pres. Leone will give entire remarks, then interpreter will begin.  
Need Embassy personnel for members of Welcoming Committee.  
Need Embassy list for VIP area.

1130  
11:00am (tent)

President Leone meets with President Ford, in the Oval Office.

Concurrent meeting?

Mrs. Leone has coffee with Mrs. Ford and members of Official Party and Welcoming Committee, in the Blue Room.

Following the coffee (approx. 11:30am), Mrs. Leone departs enroute Blair House.

Following the meeting, President Leone departs enroute Blair House.

Arrive Blair House, the President's Guest House, 1651 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest.

See Accommodations tab.

12:55pm

President and Mrs. Leone depart Blair House enroute the Department of State.

130  
1:00pm

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Kissinger give a luncheon in honor of the President of the Italian Republic and Mrs. Leone, ~~at the Department of State, John Quincy Adams Room, 8th Floor.~~

330  
3:00pm (approx)

Following the luncheon, President Leone meets with Secretary Kissinger, ~~in the Secretary's Suite, 7th Floor.~~



BLAIR HOUSE

WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 25, 1974

- 3:00pm Mrs. Leone departs the Department of State enroute the Kennedy Center.
- 3:05pm Tour of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.
- 3:25pm Depart enroute Blair House.
- 3:30pm Arrive Blair House.

Following the meeting, return to Blair House.

- 4:35pm President Leone departs Blair House enroute the Embassy of Italy, 2700 16th Street, Northwest.
- 4:45pm Arrive at the Embassy of Italy for meeting with Embassy staff and members of the Italian community.
- 4:55pm Mrs. Leone departs Blair House enroute the Embassy of Italy.
- 5:10pm Arrive at the Embassy of Italy for meeting with Italian community.
- 5:45pm Depart Embassy enroute National Gallery of Art.
- 6:00pm Arrive National Gallery of Art for brief tour.
- 6:15pm President Leone departs Embassy of Italy enroute National Gallery of Art.
- 6:30pm President and Mrs. Leone attend opening of Venetian Exhibit, at the National Gallery of Art.
- 6:45pm Depart National Gallery of Art enroute Blair House.
- 6:50pm Arrive Blair House.
- 7:30pm Members of the Official Party depart Blair House enroute the White House (via the Southwest Gate).
- 7:59pm President and Mrs. Leone depart Blair House enroute the White House (via the Northwest Gate to the North Portico).
- 8:00pm The President of the United States and Mrs. Ford give a dinner in honor of The President of the Italian Republic and Mrs. Leone, at the White House.



Dress: Black tie

\* Pass: HAK/FM MARZO signing ceremony AT BLAIR HOUSE

THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 26, 1974

9:50am President Leone departs Blair House enroute Arlington National Cemetery.

10:00am President Leone lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery.

10:20am Depart Arlington enroute Georgetown University.

10:20am Mrs. Leone departs Blair House enroute Georgetown University.

10:30am Arrive Georgetown University.

10:30am (poss) Arrive Georgetown University for Ceremony bestowing degree on President of the Italian Republic.

11:15am President Leone departs Georgetown University enroute the U.S. Capitol.

11:15am Mrs. Leone departs Georgetown University enroute Mount Vernon, Virginia.

11:30am (poss) President Leone meets with members of the Congress, at the Capitol.

11:45am Mrs. Leone tours Mount Vernon.

12:30pm Depart Mount Vernon enroute luncheon site.

1:00pm Luncheon for Mrs. Leone.

Luncheon for President Leone pending.

3:00pm President Leone meets with the Honorable William E. Simon, Secretary of the Treasury, at Blair House.

4:00pm <sup>335</sup> President Leone meets with the Honorable James R. Schlesinger, Secretary of Defense, at Blair House.

5:00pm <sup>410</sup> President Leone meets with the Honorable Frederick B. Dent, Secretary of Commerce, at Blair House.

evening (poss) Dinner or reception at Embassy ... or private dinner at Blair House.



FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 27, 1974

9:45am (poss) President Leone meets with President Ford, at the White House.

10:10am Mrs. Leone departs Blair House enroute the President's Park (Ellipse).

10:15am (poss) Depart the White House enroute the President's Park.

10:15am Mrs. Leone arrives the President's Park.

10:20am Arrive the President's Park.

10:25am Depart the President's Park via US Helicopters enroute Andrews Air Force Base.

10:35am Arrive Andrews Air Force Base and transfer to US Presidential Aircraft.

10:40am Depart Washington, D.C. enroute New York via US aircraft.  
flying time: 1 hour

11:40am Arrive Laguardia Airport (Butler/Marine Aviation Terminal), New York.  
Welcoming Committee

11:45am Depart airport enroute the Union Club, New York City.  
11:45am Mrs. Leone departs airport enroute the Waldorf Towers.

12:15pm Arrive the Union Club for luncheon hosted by Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Peterson, Chairman of the Morgan Guaranty and Trust Company.  
12:15pm Mrs. Leone arrives the Waldorf Towers.  
12:35pm Mrs. Leone departs Waldorf Towers enroute UN Ambassador's residence.  
12:45pm Mrs. Plaja gives a luncheon in honor of Mrs. Leone, at the UN Ambassador's residence.

2:15pm/2:30pm President Leone departs Union Club enroute the United Nations.

2:45pm President Leone arrives the United Nations.  
UN Secretary General Waldheim meets and escorts.



FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 27, 1974

2:50pm President Leone meets with UN Secretary General Waldheim.

3:10pm President Leone meets with the President of the UN General Assembly.

3:20pm Mrs. Leone arrives at the United Nations.

Mrs. Waldheim greets and escorts to General Assembly.

President of the UN General Assembly escorts President Leone into the General Assembly.

3:30pm President Leone addresses the General Assembly.

4:00pm President and Mrs. Leone meet with Italian members of the UN Secretariat.

Following this meeting, President Leone departs enroute the Consulate General of Italy, 690 Park Avenue.

Following this meeting, Mrs. Leone departs enroute the New York Hospital.

5:00pm President Leone meets with staff at the Consulate General of Italy.

Mrs. Leone tours New York Hospital (or Mother Cabrini Medical facility)

5:30pm President Leone departs enroute the Waldorf Towers.

Mrs. Leone departs enroute the Waldorf Towers.

Note: Possibility of stop-by of President Leone at RAI (Italian Radio facilities).

7:00pm President Leone meets with Mr. Peter Gay and other leaders of the Sons of Italy, in his suite (35A).

7:45pm Mrs. Leone departs enroute the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

8:00pm Mrs. Leone attends performance of Madame Butterfly.

[those accompanying to New York will attend performance of Candide]



8:30pm (poss) The Secretary General of the United Nations, Kurt Waldheim, gives a dinner in honor of the President of the Italian Republic, at \_\_\_\_\_.

Dress: Black tie

FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 27, 1974

Following the dinner, return to Waldorf Towers.

Following the performance, Mrs. Leone has a late supper at the residence of the Italian Consul General, then returns to hotel.

SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 28, 1974

morning President and Mrs. Leone tour Manhattan, the Verrazano Bridge, Staten Island (stopping at the Gharibaldi Museum).

12:00noon President Leone meets with Italian journalists, in the \_\_\_\_\_ Room, Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

12:50pm President and Mrs. Leone depart hotel enroute Gracie Mansion.

1:00pm The Mayor of the City of New York and Mrs. Abraham Beame give a luncheon in honor of the President of the Italian Republic and Mrs. Leone, at Gracie Mansion.

Following the luncheon, possibility of Mrs. Leone touring the Guggenheim and Museum of Modern Art.

5:30pm President and Mrs. Leone attend evening mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

7:00pm The Officers of the Italian American Community give a dinner in honor of the President of the Italian Republic and Mrs. Leone, in the Grand Ballroom, the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Dress: Black tie

Following dinner, return to suite.

SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 29, 1974

10:40am Depart the hotel enroute the Airport.

11:25am Arrive the Alitalia Terminal, John F. Kennedy International Airport.

11:30am Depart the United States enroute Rome, Italy.



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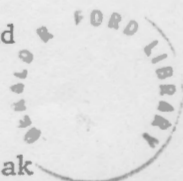
Exclusive -- A Talk at the Quirinale Palace with the  
Wife of the Head of State

VITTORIA LEONE SPEAKS OUT

- The President's shortcomings
- Abortion, divorce, feminism
- Visiting personalities
- King Faisal: an exceptional figure
- What the Italians write to her
- What happens when one of her children  
comes home late
- Films, books, and plays she has seen

By Antonietta Garzia

Signora Vittoria Leone, wife of the President of the Republic, graciously agreed to Epoca's request for a completely candid question and answer interview, a sort of frank chat with our readers giving personal replies to all the questions every citizen would like to ask of the wife of the Chief of State -- on feminism, family life, abortion, divorce, movies, theater, books, religion, and the young people of today. It is also a series of personal disclosures on her private life, memories, feelings, happy and painful experiences, regrets and hopes. The talk took place at the Quirinale Palace where Vittoria Leone and the President took up residence a year and a half ago. From the Quirinale, a unique vantage point in our country, she agreed to speak also of all the things a woman can see from that spot and how she feels about it all.





Q. How would you describe yourself?

A. It is very difficult to describe oneself, particularly when a person has too much self-awareness. Every day I discover new things in myself.

Q. But is your temperament more outgoing or more withdrawn?

A. A little of both. It depends on the moment and what I have to do. If something upsets me I try to put it off and rethink it. Other times I act so impulsively that I even surprise myself.

Q. Do you like to be with people or do you prefer to be alone?

A. Here again, a little of both. I enjoy being with all types of people from all backgrounds because I think there is something interesting to discover in all life-styles. However, sometimes it is important to get away and be alone. I would say that for me it is a necessity. Oscar Wilde said that there is nothing like being alone to make one want to be with people and nothing like being with people to make one want to be alone. Well, I'm a little like that. In other words I'm not always the same.

Q. What kind of people do you like and what kind do you dislike?

A. I don't believe I really dislike anyone especially. I always try to discover the positive side even in someone with whom I'm not particularly compatible. There is always something good in everyone. Certainly I don't like stupid bores. I'm not talking about people who need to be helped along, but about exhibitionists who tag along with you simply to be seen. These are unimaginable things I've never been able to understand. It's a kind of lack of dignity.

Q. What about opportunists?



- A. Well, opportunists are still understandable. They have a goal<sup>to</sup>/reach. They have decided on a course and they follow it, so they can be forgiven. Of course I don't admire them, but I can understand them.
- Q. Italian women and also men very much admire the way you dress. What is your idea of elegance?
- A. Simplicity, as most people would agree. I'd say dignity, of course, and simplicity.
- Q. Do you use wigs and hairpieces?
- A. In the past I have sometimes used a hairpiece. When I find I don't look my best or if I've been at the sea or in the wind and something comes up and I don't have time to go to the hairdresser, I use a few hairpieces. Usually I try to avoid them because I feel freer but I think they come in handy.
- Q. Do you take advice in your choice of clothes?
- A. No, definitely not. I like to hear other peoples' opinions even if they disagree with my choice but to always be told, "Oh, what a good choice you have made," sometimes irritates me. I listen to others' opinions but then I make my own choice.
- Q. Is the Quirinale an ivory tower to you?. In other words, do you feel like a prisoner?
- A. I must say that having an apartment on this gracious a scale, if I can express myself that way, does not overwhelm me too much. I have the same habits and I try to live simply, running my own errands like I used to and visiting friends who can't get around. I don't feel completely oppressed. Of course I have less free time but I still cultivate the interests I had before.



Q. Are you an optimist or a pessimist?

A. It seems strange to say, but sometimes I'm optimistic and sometimes pessimistic. It depends on the specific instance and on my mood.

Q. Are you an optimist about the future?

A. Perhaps so. At least I try to be.

Q. How are your relations with your children?

A. Very friendly. I'd say I'm certainly not considered a strict mother. However, the children may pay more attention to me than to their father. It's funny because it would seem that the opposite would be true and yet this is the way it is.

Q. What are your children like?

A. They are very outgoing except for the second, Paolo, who is somewhat introverted like me. I can see a lot of myself in him. Mauro and Gian Carlo especially have very outgoing temperaments and always have to let off steam. In that respect they are very like their father.

Q. This may seem like a rather trite question but do you have a favorite child?

A. No! This is something I have always avoided, maybe because there were some favorites at my house which I was growing up and I didn't like it at all. I've always said I would never do that to my children.

Q. Are they very close to you? Do they tell you what they are doing?

A. Yes, very close, not so much that they tell me everything they are doing but enough to criticize me and tease me. They act as they would with a friend, or, better still, with a sister.

Q. An older sister ...



A. No, no, a younger sister, yes, a little sister, that's exactly it.

Q. Do you make plans for them?

A. No, I let them make all their own decisions. I don't know if I'm right or wrong. I try to tell them to watch out for one thing or another but I have always left them free to act. I have always wanted them to travel to gain inner enrichment, to see different people, different customs. I have always wanted them to have direct personal experiences, even far from home, in order to acquire a broader human dimension. All in all I can consider myself fortunate.

Q. How is the President in private life?

A. Well, not much different from the way he seems. He never hides his feelings. He's very much of an extrovert and then he is too, yes, too worried about our safety and well-being. "Don't drive too fast ... That isn't good for you ... But why isn't that blasted child home yet ... get me his friend's telephone number ... " -- it's suffocating. I'd say he goes overboard. He's even capable of waking me up at night to ask me to go see if the children have come in. Of course I'm not upset because I have confidence in them and also because I try to counterbalance him, otherwise it would be a disaster.

Q. Does the President discuss political issues with you?

A. I must say that he doesn't speak out much about them, perhaps because I don't bring up the subject. When I sometimes ask him about a certain problem he always gives me a full answer, but I try not to push him too much because I think certain worries and problems shouldn't be brought home. Also it's Mauro who is always arguing about these



things. I sometimes break in, but very calmly, so as to give a sense of balance to these polemical discussions.

Q. Are you interested in politics?

A. I'm interested in the sense that I follow it and discuss it but of course I have never taken part in any decision my husband has made during his political life. I have never become involved in this area, one in which it might after all be wise to participate, but I've always preferred not to.

Q. What do you think about the feminist movement?

A. I think some demands are fair and others absurd. I'm in favor of women's liberation but in the civic sense of that word and not for immoral excesses. The topic is so broad, you should tell me which issues you have in mind.

Q. For example, the feminists' stand on abortion.

A. Oh, no! For me, that's unheard of. Life is sacred. There's a need for better preparation, a greater sense of responsibility. To go to that extreme is terrible!

Q. What about certain stands against men?

A. No, I can't understand that. I agree on independence, on being entitled to one's own way of seeing things, and to making one's own decisions, but in the serious sense. I agree with some demands like equal pay for equal work and the opportunity to enter any profession, certainly. Furthermore, I think that sometimes women are better than men in some fields. For me there is no masculine or feminine superiority. On the other hand, I find some of the angry attitudes wrong. I don't like them, I think they are poses which ignore the true and real issues.



Q. What do you think about divorce?

A. This is a burning issue here. Of course it's useless to try to ignore the fact that there are many mismatched unions that end up creating painful, debasing, and unseemly situations for the woman and the man and which unfortunately, have a negative influence on the children's equilibrium. A solution should be found to this situation but with specific guarantees for the woman's dignity and the children's education.

Q. What is the quality you like best in your husband?

A. His sincerity, that sincerity which he succeeds in transmitting to those with whom he lives and who are thus led to be sincere to him in return. This makes wonderful, clean, and untroubled relationships possible and these make living together a pleasure and help to overcome calmly the inevitable problems and difficulties.

Q. Which of the President's shortcomings irritate you the most?

A. There are so many but maybe the fact that he's too outgoing although that can also have its positive side.


Q. What criticism hurt you the most?


A. Perhaps I have been fortunate because I don't believe any criticism has hurt me in the true sense of the word. On the other hand, if the criticisms are just malicious inventions they don't affect me at all. I react with disdain to gossip and unfair plotting.

Q. What compliments do you most welcome?

A. I'm shy and compliments always embarrass me. I also have a sense of self-criticism that makes me somewhat diffident and wary of compliments.



- Q. What do people write you? Has any letter particularly moved you?
- A. People from all walks of life write me with the most varied and sometimes oddest aspirations. There are human and at times tragic cases which are not easy to solve, but I don't lose hope because I am also rather obstinate and sometimes I do find a solution. Then there are many complimentary letters, or letters recalling curious and pleasant things that have occurred on various trips, in various ceremonies, small things which have slipped my mind and which these letters recall to mind.
- Q. Among the well-known people you have met at the Quirinale, who has particularly impressed you?
- A. Each of them had his unique personality and appeal. None of them has fascinated me; however, they have all interested me in one way or another because I am interested in people in general. I must say, however, that I was particularly impressed by King Faisal. He is a man of astounding spirituality, tall, slender and well-spoken. He always begins speeches in the name of God. All in all, I very much like his manner.
- Q. Are you religious?
- A. Yes, I am a practicing Catholic. Religious, yes, but I would say in a balanced way. However, my faith is deep and my children have received religious instruction from the Pauline Fathers: excellent but not overly oppressive. It has enabled them to become aware and learn on their own; with our example, of course, and with the sound and balanced education they receive in school. They discuss problems of faith which both their father and I encourage. Discussions, yes, crises no.
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- Q. In your role as the wife of the Chief of State, which is the hardest duty for you, in other words what is least in keeping up with your temperament?
- A. You can imagine: always being pointed out, the photographers, the TV cameras, and this continuous being on display is rather difficult for a temperament like mine which is totally disinclined to bring out what is inside. I feel as if I am constantly violating my own privacy. I don't like it and it is perhaps the one thing which I find unpleasant. However, the duties, circulating, being busy, being concerned with one thing and another, these do not bother me at all, perhaps because I try to do it all naturally and simply.
- Q. What is your favorite pastime?
- A. When I can, I run to the sea. I love the sea. And something else that will amuse you -- crossword puzzles. They can clear my head, make me forget whatever has made me nervous or upset. I always have my crosswords close at hand.
- Q. Do you like sports?
- A. Very much, swimming, skiing. I used to play tennis. I follow sports events. Not soccer so much because there are too many debates in my own house -- everyone has his favorite team and they are forever fighting -- Naples, Juventus, Inter, Lazio ...
- Q. What movie have you enjoyed lately?
- A. We like films and even have a projection room here at the Palace. We send for movies, primarily to keep my husband who adores the movies up to date. Recently ... let's see ... I found Clockwork Orange an intelligent film, very much so. I feel that Last Tango was a very contrived
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film which sought to give the impression of saying who knows what. It didn't say a thing to me. You can see that I probably didn't understand it, but I got absolutely nothing out of it.

Q. And the theater?

A. I like the theater but have missed a number of plays because of other engagements. I saw again and enjoyed Il Sindaco del Rione Sanità by Eduardo De Filippo. I like Eduardo very much, and not just because he is Neapolitan. Eduardo, in addition to being a great comedy writer is an extraordinary actor, unbeatable. There won't be any more like him.

Q. What book have you enjoyed most recently?

A. The Godfather interested me.

Q. What has been the most critical moment in your life?

A. There have been many critical moments and they are fairly well known. I would rather not talk about them. Let's go on to another question.

Q. What has been the happiest moment?

A. Maybe many, maybe none. I don't know. I am confidently awaiting the moment of true happiness.

Q. What are you afraid of?

A. I try not to think about fear because there would be many things I would be afraid of ... No, I never think about it. I am full of doubts but I rely on my inner resources. The hard and difficult experiences I have had have given me this confidence.

Q. Which of your childhood dreams have you not achieved?

A. Perhaps being carefree.

Q. Did you dream of a different life?



A. Who knows! Really I haven't had the time to dream. I married so early, at 17, when I was just beginning to dream and I suddenly had to face facts I didn't think I would have to face -- that is why I say that I have missed being carefree.

Q. Are you pleased with your life so far?

A. Yes, undoubtedly because I have always had a clear conscience. I have tried to face difficulties without giving in even to the most difficult things. I don't think I can blame myself of anything. Sometimes, judging myself-- when I have moments of solitude, meditation -- I find I am at peace with myself. This serenity always remains with me. I try to impart it to my family, to my husband and children, and this is perhaps the only real help they receive from me. I have never envied anyone anything or presumed something was mine by right. Luckily I am not too delicate, otherwise I could not have borne so much sadness, so many things going wrong, and such very trying human experiences.

Q. What is your hope for the President?

A. Above all health and then ... good luck so that he can help our country, Italy. For the children whatever they want. I influence them in a way that may seem concealed or passive but in fact I am aware of the risks they may be running. They will chose what they want, what they will be able to do. All three are now studying law, maybe because it's in their blood. It's their choice and they will do well in whatever they want to do. The oldest has an active interest in the arts as does the youngest who of course is still growing up. When they have tried out various things they will choose. Let me repeat, I will not impose my will on them because I believe I trained them early.



Q. What do you wish for yourself?

A. Serenity.

Interview by Antonietta Garzia

Captions

Picture, page 34: Vittoria Leone in the living room of her country house "Le Rughe" on via Cassia.

Picture, page 36: In the President's office.

Picture, page 37: A close-up of Vittoria Leone.



Mrs. Ford's Schedule  
for the Visit of the Italian President and Mrs. Leone,  
September 25, 1974

- 11:00 a.m. Arrival ceremony at White House
- 11:20 a.m. Coffee for US and Italian delegations,  
White House
- 8:00 p.m. White House dinner hosted by you and  
the President in honor of the Italian  
President and Mrs. Leone



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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August 26, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR LUCY WINCHESTER

FROM: Jeanne W. Davis *JWD*  
SUBJECT: State Visit of Italian President Leone  
September 25

This is to confirm the following information concerning the State Visit of Italian President Leone:

Mrs. Leone will accompany her husband and the invitation should be:

His Excellency  
The President of the Italian Republic  
and Mrs. Leone

(His full name is: Giovanni Leone)  
(Her name is: Vittoria Leone)

President Leone is a Chief of State coming on a State Visit. Therefore, he would be entitled to either a white or black tie dinner, depending on the President and Mrs. Ford's preference and given the time of the year. (Leone would prefer black tie).

There are no dietary restrictions.

*arrived  
in this  
office 6:00 PM*



DINNER AT THE WHITE HOUSE  
Wednesday, September 25, 1974  
at eight o'clock

The President & Mrs. Ford

His Excellency The President of the Italian Republic  
& Mrs. Leone

His Excellency Aldo Moro  
Minister of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency The Ambassador of Italy  
& Mrs. Ortona

His Excellency Roberto Gaja  
Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency Federico Sensi & Mrs. Sensi  
Diplomatic Counselor to the President

His Excellency Corrado Orlandi-Contucci & Mrs. Orlandi-Contucci  
Chief of Protocol

His Excellency General Scotto Lavina  
Military Counselor to the President

Professor Giuseppe Giunchi  
Personal Physician to the President

Dr. Nino Valentino & Mrs. Valentino  
Chief of the Press Office of the President

Minister Francesco Vallauri  
Chief of Cabinet, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency Dr. Cesidio Guazzaroni  
Director of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

✓ ~~Dr. Mauro Leone~~ - *w/ Lisa Courtney*  
Eldest Son of the President

✓ ~~Mr. Paolo Leone~~ - *Elisa Glebe*  
Son of the President

✓ ~~Mr. Giancarlo Leone~~ - *Regan Glebe*  
Son of the President

✓ ~~Mr. Antonio Cacace~~ - *Barbara Mayuso*  
Friend of Giancarlo Leone

Mrs. Warren E. Burger  
Wife of The Chief Justice

The Secretary of State & Mrs. Kissinger

The Secretary of Defense & Mrs. Schlesinger

The Secretary of Agriculture & Mrs. Butz

The Secretary of Health, Education & Welfare & Mrs. Weinberger

Hon. & Mrs. Robert T. Hartmann  
Counsellor to the President

Hon. & Mrs. Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Hon. & Mrs. John A. Scali  
U. S. Representative to the United Nations



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Senator & Mrs. Pete V. Domenici (New Mexico)  
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U. S. Ambassador to Italy  
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Vice Chief of Staff of the Army  
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Mrs.--Jewell Lafontant, Deputy Solicitor General  
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Fairfax, Virginia  
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Pres. & Founder, Ambulance Services, Inc., Steubenville, Ohio  
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Chmn., Ralston Purina Co., St. Louis, Missouri  
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Gen. Mgr., Detroit Hockey Club, Inc.





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Taunton, Massachusetts

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Chevy Chase, Maryland

✓ Miss Reagan Golubin  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ARRIVAL CEREMONY FOR HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC AND MRS. GIOVANNI LEONE

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 25, 1974

The South Grounds

From: Terry O'Donnell <sup>DD</sup>

SEQUENCE:

10:55 a.m.

You depart Oval Office and proceed to Diplomatic Reception Room where you will be joined by Mrs. Ford.

Following announcement and Ruffles and Flourishes, (Marine Band only - no trumpets), you proceed out the Diplomatic Reception Room entrance, cross the driveway, and take your position with Mrs. Ford facing the entrance to the Diplomatic Reception Room.

11:01 a.m.

President and Mrs. Leone arrive and are greeted by you and Mrs. Ford.

Chief of Protocol Henry Catto, Jr. will introduce President and Mrs. Leone to Secretary and Mrs. Henry A. Kissinger and to the Acting Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Mrs. David C. Jones.

You and President Leone move to platform. Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Leone move to right of platform.

11:03 p.m.

National Anthems and 21-gun salute.



- Arrival Ceremony for President  
and Mrs. Leone  
2. Wednesday - September 25, 1974

Inspection of troops - you and President Leone  
guided by Commander of Troops.

NOTE: Your cue for escorting President  
Leone down to the Commander of  
Troops to inspect the troops will be  
the Commander's report, "Sir, the  
Honor Guard is formed."

During inspection, you will move to the  
right of the Commander of Troops.

Return to platform. U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle  
Corps passes in review.

11:10 a.m.

After the Commander of Troops reports, "Sir, this  
concludes the Honors", you deliver welcoming  
remarks to President Leone.

#### FULL PRESS COVERAGE

President Leone will respond.

NOTE: As you speak, your remarks will  
be translated simultaneously in  
Italian to President Leone only.  
President Leone's remarks will  
be translated into English over the  
public address system.

11:15 a.m.

You, Mrs. Ford, President and Mrs. Leone ascend  
the right outside staircase to the South Portico  
balcony.

You will pause at the center of the South Portico  
balcony for a photograph and then enter the Blue  
Room where you will be joined by Secretary of  
State and Mrs. Kissinger and General and Mrs.  
Jones, members of the official party (list attached  
at TAB A), and members of the Welcoming Com-  
mittee.



Arrival Ceremony for President  
and Mrs. Leone  
Wednesday - September 25, 1974

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11:20 a.m.

Following a brief visit, you, President Leone and Secretary Kissinger depart en route the Oval Office for private meeting.

NOTE:

Mrs. Ford will have coffee with members of the Official Party and Welcoming Committee in the Blue Room.

11:25 a.m.

Your meeting with President Leone begins.



MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL ITALIAN PARTY

His Excellency Giovanni Leone  
The President of the Italian  
Republic

Mrs. Leone

H.E. Professor Aldo Moro  
Minister of Foreign Affairs

H.E. Egidio Ortona  
The Ambassador of Italy

Mrs. Ortona

H.E. Ambassador Roberto Gaja  
Secretary General, Ministry  
of Foreign Affairs

H.E. Ambassador Federico Sensi  
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Chief of Protocol

Mrs. Orlandi-Contucci

H.E. General Scotto-Lavina  
Military Counselor to the  
President

Professor Giuseppe Giunchi

Dr. Nino Valentino  
Chief of the Press Office of the  
President

Minister Francesco Vallauri  
Chief of Cabinet of the Minister  
of Foreign Affairs



ENTERTAINMENT AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Wednesday, September 25, 1974

at ten o'clock

Mr. & Mrs. James O. Ahtes  
New York, New York

Hon. & Mrs. Michael Balzano  
Director of ACTION

Hon. & Mrs. Vincent P. Barabba  
Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce

Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Barbour  
Director, Performance Evaluation Div., Department of State

Dr. Candido Caprio  
Physician to President Leone

Hon. Frank C. Carlucci  
Under Secretary of Health, Education & Welfare

Mr. & Mrs. Giancarlo Carrara-Cagni  
Counselor, Embassy of Italy

Mr. & Mrs. Louis B. Castaldi  
Chevy Chase, Maryland

Brigadier General & Mrs. ~~Gianneto~~ Ciarlini  
Defense & Air Attache, Embassy of Italy

Mr. & Mrs. A. Denis Clift  
NSC

Minister Valerio Brigante Colonna  
Ambassador, Head of Visit Section of the Italian Republic

Hon. & Mrs. H. R. Crawford  
Assistant Secretary of HUD for Housing Management

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene C. D'Angelo, Jr.  
Columbus, Ohio

Mr. & Mrs. Enzo de Chiara  
Cousin of Mrs. Leone, Washington, D. C.

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Legislative Assistant to Sen. Warren Magnuson

Mr. Domenico DiMurro  
Administrative Officer to the Min. of Foreign Affairs of the Italian Republic

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Mrs. -Secretary to the President

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