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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 29, 1974

Dear Mrs. Ford,

Re: Christmas Parties

To make this a truly unique "Ford Family" Christmas and to plan the most meaningful and beautiful parties -- may I suggest the following groups be invited:

1. Members of the Press
2. Members of Congress
3. Diplomatic Children

Optional

4. White House Staff (no families)
Families could be included at other times of the year at (a) picnic at Camp David or (b) square dance in the East Room or (c) another function to be decided upon later.

May I also suggest proposed formats for the functions:

1. First Family Carol Sing (I understand it is traditional in your family -- and I think it would be great!!)
2. Christmas Ball with music by Mike Carney (today's Lester Lanin) with a buffet supper at midnight.
3. Christmas Carol Sing with Metropolitan Opera stars leading the singing. (I have explored this possibility discretely and I know that Joan Sutherland would be thrilled to be invited.)

Should you wish to invite other guests such as Veterans' groups, MIA children, etc. they could be included at the Candlelight Tours.

approve _____

disapprove _____

Thank you.

Nancy L.



<u>YEARS</u>	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
1 & Under	4	1
2 - 4	11	1
5 - 7	7	7
8 - 10	16	7
11 - 12	7	9
13 - 14	8	8
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Total	53	33

