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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 21, 1975

Dear ,

*It is a pleasure to send special congratulations as you receive the WoHeLo Medallion. The knowledge and skill which this accomplishment represents are a credit to your interest, dedication and deep faith. These qualities, which you demonstrate by wearing the WoHeLo Medallion, are a good omen for both your future and that of our country.*

*The President joins me in extending warm wishes for your continued success.*

*Sincerely,*

*Betty Ford*



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 22, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you so much for your kind words about my appearance on the Mary Tyler Moore Show. The opinions you expressed made a most enjoyable association very special.

It has been as much fun to read the mail as it was to do the show.

Thanks again for taking the time to write. You have my gratitude and warmest wishes.

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

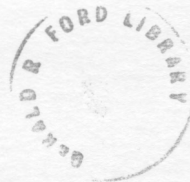
May 15, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you for your lovely Mother's Day greeting. You were kind to remember me in this thoughtful way, and the President and I want you to know of our gratitude.

With appreciation and warm regards,

Sincerely,



## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 28, 1976

Dear ,

How very thoughtful of you to remember my birthday with such a lovely message.

I truly appreciate your good wishes and want you to know that your special kindness added to the happiness of my day.

I was pleased to learn that you and I share the same birthday and send my belated wishes as well as the President's and my gratitude for your support.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,





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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 24, 1976

Dear ,

Our family deeply appreciates your very kind message of confidence and support.

Knowing of your enthusiasm for the President's victory in November is most heartening and means a great deal to all of us.

With gratitude for your prayers and warmest wishes.

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 4, 1976

Dear ,

Our family deeply appreciates your very kind message of confidence and support.

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You have our gratitude and warmest wishes.

Sincerely,



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 6, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to thank you for taking the time to write.

We very much regret that our response to your request for old clothing must be disappointing. Because so many have written, it would be unfair to single out one to the exclusion of others. You will be interested to know, however, that the First Family's used clothing is donated to charitable organizations for their distribution.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill  
Director of Correspondence  
for Mrs. Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 6, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you so much for sending me your letter and telling me of your recent surgery. I was deeply concerned to learn of your situation but admire your strength and courage. Because of the many kind women who have written of their happy and meaningful lives following surgery, I am optimistic about your future. Their inspiring experiences have been comforting to our entire family.

You will be interested to learn that I have been on oral chemotherapy. Although my own experience has been that chemotherapy has not been a problem, I realize that the effects are different with each individual. I was sorry to learn that you are having some difficulties with chemotherapy, and I look forward to the day when you are completely recovered and no longer need these treatments.

It is the President's and my hope that you will be comforted by the concern, love, and increased devotion of your loyal friends and family as well as your abiding faith in God.

We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers and send our warmest wishes.

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers and send our warmest wishes.

Sincerely,





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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1974

Dear ,

Thank you ever so much for taking the time to write concerning my pinched nerve and to forward the information on -----.

It is really wonderful to know that people I have not had the pleasure to meet have been so kind to send information. I value the genuine concern for my health and well-being which your advice reflects.

The President joins me in sending our warm regards.

Sincerely,

Betty Ford

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 17, 1976

Dear ,

Our family deeply appreciates your very kind message of confidence and support.

Knowing of your enthusiasm for the President's victory in November is most heartening and means a great deal to all of us.

You have our gratitude and warmest wishes.

Sincerely,



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PRAVERS  
(sent to the Ford family)

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1974

Dear ,

Our family appreciates very much your generous prayer on our behalf. The understanding and hope expressed in those words of inspiration mean a great deal to all of us. We are heartened to know of your special concern and are grateful for your blessing.

With our warm wishes,

Sincerely,

Betty Ford

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 6, 1974

Dear ,

Our family appreciates very much the beautiful prayer which you offered for us at \_\_\_\_\_ . The understanding and hope expressed in those words of inspiration mean a great deal to all of us. We are heartened to know of your special concern and are grateful for your blessing.

With our warm wishes,

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1974

Dear ,

You were very kind to write and suggest a special project with which I might become involved in the days ahead. I appreciate the comments of concerned citizens in facing the unique challenges of serving as First Lady for our country! I am pleased to have the benefit of your recommendation and want to thank you for the thoughtful interest and friendship which your letter reflects.

The President joins me in sending warm regards.

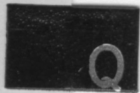
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 9, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you for your very thoughtful letter and your kind remarks on the State Dinner in honor of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip.

The President and I are delighted that their visit coincided with the celebration of our Nation's 200th Anniversary, and nothing pleased us more than to be able to share this momentous event with our fellow Americans. It was indeed a most memorable evening for all of us.

The President joins me in sending our warmest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 20, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you so very much for your kind comments about the State Dinner honoring Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Our family is delighted that through the medium of television you shared such a special evening with us. We are most grateful for your generous expression of enjoyment which conveys both your deep feelings and your thoughtfulness.

With warm good wishes,

Sincerely,



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 4, 1976

Dear ,

How very nice to receive a letter from a young citizen. We enjoyed very much having your letter; it brought back happy memories of the days our children were near your age. Thank you so much for your kind words. Both the President and I greatly appreciate your spirit of friendship.

It is our hope that you will be able to visit Washington and enjoy knowing more about our country and our Nation's capital.

As you requested we are happy to enclose the \_\_\_\_\_ which we hope you will enjoy.

The President joins me in sending our best wishes for a happy, rewarding future.

Sincerely,



## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 8, 1976

Dear ,

The President and I wish to join your family and friends in extending our warmest congratulations to you on the occasion of your retirement from \_\_\_\_\_ . May the commitment demonstrated by your many years of service continue to serve as an inspiration to others for many years to come.

The President joins with me in sending our very best wishes for your happiness and contentment as you begin your well-deserved "leisure life."

Sincerely,



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 9, 1976

Dear ,

I was deeply touched by your kind words regarding my prayer for Dr. Maurice Sage.

During times of such tragedy, we can only turn to the Father of all for His blessing and strength, and I am heartened to know my words offered comfort to so many.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 9, 1976

Dear ,

All over the country, women are getting together to discuss a variety of issues and interests. The search for an expanded role for women in our society encourages all of us concerned about equal rights for women.

I believe to secure our rights, we will have to shoulder new responsibilities and explore new possibilities. \_\_\_\_\_ is part of the national quest of American women for more influence and status in the home, community and Nation.

I hope your sessions encourage participants to seek new rights, responsibilities and possibilities in their lives.

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 22, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you for writing about my appearance on the "Sixty Minutes" interview. The concern which inspired you to share your views is appreciated.

I wish it were possible for us to sit down together and talk, one to another. I consider myself a responsible parent. I know I am a loving one. We have raised our four children in a home that believes in and practices the enduring values of morality and personal integrity. As every mother and father knows, these are not easy times to be a parent. Our convictions are continually being questioned and tested by the fads and fancies of the moment.

I believe our values to be eternal and I hope I have instilled them in our children. We have come to this sharing of outlook through communication, not coercion. I want my children to know that their concerns, their doubts, their difficulties -- whatever they may be, can be discussed with the two people in this world who care the most -- their mother and father. On "Sixty Minutes," the emotion of my words spoke to the need for this communication -- rather than the specific issues we discussed.

My husband and I have lived twenty-eight years of faithfulness in marriage. I do not believe in pre-marital relations, but I realize many in today's generation do not share my views. However, this must never cause us to withdraw the love, the counseling, and the understanding that they may need now, more than ever before. This is the essence of responsible parenthood.

It is difficult to adequately express one's personal convictions in a 15-minute interview. I hope our lives will say more than words about our dedication to honor, to integrity, to humanity and to God.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 11, 1976

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Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 11, 1975

Dear ,

Thank you so much for your kindness in expressing your views about my statements on the "Sixty Minutes" interview.

It is always heartening to know that one's views are shared, and I am grateful for the concern which inspired you to convey your support.

With special appreciation and warm wishes,

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 24, 1976

Dear ,

*Our family deeply appreciates your warm message of confidence and support. As election day draws nearer, we find added strength and encouragement in receiving the prayers and blessings of loyal citizens such as you. Knowing of your support in this regard is most heartening.*

*You have our gratitude and very best wishes.*

*Sincerely,*



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 18, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you so much for sending me your letter and telling me about your surgery. I was ~~deeply~~ <sup>++</sup> saddened to learn of your situation and yet am optimistic about your future. Since my surgery, I have received thousands of messages containing prayerful concern, many from women who have had "our" operation. Their experiences have been comforting and heartening to all our family.

~~I am confident that~~ the concern, friendship, and increased devotion of your family and loyal friends will sustain you during this time. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 5, 1976

Dear ,

I was so sorry to learn of your recent surgery and would like to be included among those whose very best wishes are for your prompt and complete recovery.

My prayer is that, like others who have had the same experience, you will be blessed with a happy, active, and meaningful life and that the awareness of your loyal friends and the increased devotion of your loved ones will be especially heartening to you at this time.

The President joins me in sending our warmest regards.

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 24, 1976

Dear ,

Our family deeply appreciates your warm message of confidence and support. As election day draws nearer, we find added strength and encouragement in receiving the prayers and blessings of loyal citizens such as you. Knowing of your support in this regard is most heartening.

You have our gratitude and very best wishes.

Sincerely,





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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 22, 1976

Dear ,

I wish to thank you for the prompt and efficient attention which you and your staff have given to my correspondence referred to your office.

You have my special appreciation and the lasting gratitude of the many people to whom you have provided assistance.

With all good wishes,





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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1976

Dear ,

It is a pleasure to send special congratulations as you receive the WoHeLo Medallion. The knowledge and skill which this accomplishment represents are a credit to your interest, dedication and deep faith. These qualities, which the WoHeLo Medallion symbolizes, are a good omen both for your future and that of our country.

The President joins in expressing warmest wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 8, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you so much for your very kind letter.

It is a great honor to have been included in the Ladies Home Journal "Women of the Year" program. It is particularly heartening to consider that for each person participating in that special ceremony there are many, many women who are contributing to our country's achievement and providing inspiration for others. I only hope to be able to justify the confidence which that award represents.

With gratitude for your generous expression of support and with warmest wishes,

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 7, 1976

Dear ,

How very thoughtful of you to send me your congratulations for the Woman of the Year Award and to remember my birthday with such a lovely message.

I truly appreciate your good wishes and want you to know that your special kindness added to the happiness of my day.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



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