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COVER LETTER BY
CHERRY WINGATE
FOR ITEMS REQUESTED
FOR FUND-RAISING-
ACCEPTANCE

Date

Dear (): _____

I would like to thank you for your thoughtful letter requesting an item to be used at your fund-raising event. It would give me great pleasure to assist you with this project and I am delighted to send the enclosed item.

I wish you much success in your endeavors and send my warmest regards.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

(BF Signature)

Name
Street
City, State, Zip



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 27, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you very much for your recent letter inquiring as to how you can apply for a Betty Ford Fashion Scholarship. You were thoughtful to express your interest in fashion.

It is a pleasure to let you know that either Margy Grigg or Virginia Ogilvy, at 4017 48th Street, North West, Washington, D.C. 20015, telephone 202-548-0324, can provide the information you need.

With Mrs. Ford's gratitude for your friendship and with her very best wishes,

Sincerely,

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



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in writing Mrs. Ford. As much as she would like to respond personally, the demands of her official schedule regrettably prevent her from doing so.

However, it is a pleasure to enclose the First Lady's biography as well as the booklet, "The President's House," which we hope will be helpful. May we also suggest the following articles as sources of information about Mrs. Ford:

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With Mrs. Ford's appreciation and warm good wishes,

Sincerely,

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Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to thank you for your letter in which you expressed concern for the welfare of animals whose fur is used in making coats. All members of the Ford family share your desire to guarantee humane treatment for all animals, and a careful check was made with the furrier before any purchase was made.

Regarding Susan's muskrat coat, we were informed that muskrats reproduce at a rapid rate, and as they multiply the dens often become overcrowded, many are pushed out and left to face a slow death by starvation. We were assured that the muskrat skins used were obtained by use of the Conibear traps that cause instantaneous death and do not allow the animal to linger in pain and fear as do the steel jaw traps. The mink cape which Mrs. Ford chose were skins from ranched animals bred for the purpose of providing warm wraps.

Please know that the President and Mrs. Ford encourage your interest in preservation and humane treatment of wild life, are pleased to have the benefit of your comments and appreciate your taking the time to write.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 19, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you very much for writing to share your concern for the welfare of our nation's wildlife, and to suggest that Mrs. Ford, as First Lady, set an example by wearing non-fur coats. You were kind to convey your sensitivity to the issue of animal protection to Mrs. Ford, who is always grateful to have the benefit of the thoughts of her fellow-citizens.

You have Mrs. Ford's appreciation for the commitment which inspired your letter and best wishes for further dedication on behalf of those who depend on the wisdom of man.

Sincerely,

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



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 2, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you very much for the views which you expressed recently in writing to Mrs. Ford. You were considerate to share your concern with the First Lady and to give her the benefit of your feelings.

Although Mrs. Ford has not expressed a specific opinion regarding gay rights, she has always sought, like the President, an understanding of the beliefs of others. Because several bills which would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, marital status, affectional or sexual preferences have been introduced into the House of Representatives, you might also like to let your Congressman and Senators know your thoughts.

With appreciation,

Sincerely,

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Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 3, 1976

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With appreciation,

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for Mrs. Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 6, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you for writing to inquire about the Bloomer genealogy. You were thoughtful to share your interest in the First Lady's family tree.

I regret that we cannot comply with your request as researchers are still at work on this project. In the meantime, I hope the enclosed copy of Mrs. Ford's biography will be helpful.

With warm wishes,

Sincerely,

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



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 7, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you for your nice letter to Mrs. Ford. She is always happy to hear from young friends and learn of their interests.

Mrs. Ford is proud to be the First Lady of the United States and have the honor of living in the historic White House. Although her duties are most demanding, she enjoys the challenges of her position and strives to be helpful to the President.

I am enclosing the photograph you requested along with additional information which I hope will be helpful in answering your questions.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 6, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to thank you for your thoughtful message. She deeply appreciates your kind comments and genuine concern for her health and well-being.

The warm wishes that the First Lady has received are a source of real encouragement to her, and she is most grateful.

The President and Mrs. Ford send their warm regards to you as well as their best wishes.

Sincerely,

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



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 6, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you for your letter to Mrs. Ford regarding Laetrile.

You will be interested to learn that the First Lady is under the care and supervision of the White House physician, Dr. William Lukash, who advises that she has not received nutritional therapy, sometimes referred to as B-17. Her treatment since cancer surgery has been oral chemotherapy. Mrs. Ford has not taken Laetrile nor does she intend to, since this drug has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration. No acceptable scientific evidence has been presented to the FDA that Laetrile has any anticancer effect.

Mrs. Ford appreciates your writing and sends her special gratitude and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mrs. Casey,

Thank you for your recent letter to Mrs. F. regarding Lactulle.

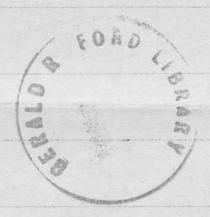
You will be interested to know ~~in that case~~ ~~that~~ that after M.F. mastectomy she was prescribed to Chemotherapy treatments - for two years. ~~The~~ Her treatments were comp. over a year ago & today has a clean bill of health.

Your ~~of~~ enclosed clipping is incorrect as Mrs. F. has not taken Lactulle nor does she ~~intend~~ intend to since this drug has not been approved by the Food & Drug Admin. No acceptable scientific evidence has been presented to the FDA that Lactulle has any anticancer effect.

It has only been made legal in a few states under that particular states law, few states under that particular health laws, to traffic in the drug. Physicians can only write prescriptions for Lactulle, but are not allowed to possess the drug in these states.

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This drug is ~~a~~ a present topic of controversy, ~~as~~ as a number of states have acted under their particular state law, to allow Lactulle to be ~~trafficked~~ purport & trafficked, ~~without~~ the benefit of ~~of~~ Physicians can only write prescriptions



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Medical science has a great deal to offer, and those resources combined with spiritual strength and the love of one's family are a powerful force. You might be interested in knowing that the Federal Government, through the National Cancer Institute, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014, sponsors throughout the country Comprehensive Care Centers at which one may be treated upon the physician's referral.

Mrs. Ford appreciates your writing and sends her special gratitude and best wishes.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 8, 1976

Dear

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 4, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford has asked me to thank you for writing and sharing your interests with her. I am sure you derive a great deal of pleasure from such activities.

Because we receive many letters like yours, our response to your request must necessarily be disappointing. I am sure you will understand that it would be impossible to honor them all and unfair to single out one to the exclusion of the others.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

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Director of Correspondence
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1976

Dear ,

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The First Lady is the official hostess for the United States and in this role plans and organizes Presidential entertaining for visiting Heads of State as well as for various groups. These functions include dinners, receptions, and teas for Cabinet members, Congressional or business and labor leaders, and for women's organizations. The wife of the President is expected to accept at least some of the many invitations which she receives and to answer her mail and give interviews.

In addition, the First Lady serves as Honorary Chairman of charitable groups (such as the American Cancer Society) and in this capacity she attends meetings, luncheons, and fund-raisers. She may address these gatherings or those of civic or professional organizations.

Furthermore, each First Lady is free to promote the areas of special interest to her. In Mrs. Ford's case, these are handicapped people and the arts. Activities which follow from these associations include consulting with the National Endowment for the Arts, visiting art galleries, attending dance or dramatic performances, touring hospitals for the chronically ill and vocational workshops for the handicapped, and meeting with poster children. In each instance the First Lady has the great opportunity to focus public attention on worthy causes which are particularly meaningful to her.

Finally, with regard to White House operations the First Lady is in contact with the Curator concerning changes in furnishings or acquisitions. However, because there is a housekeeping staff, she is not required to clean the 132 rooms of the Executive Mansion and because there is a chef, she can decide whether to cook or not.



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Also, Mrs. Ford has been busy campaigning for her husband's election. Thus, you can see that the First Lady's days are quite busy.



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 22, 1976

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford was very pleased to learn of your interest in working on her staff. She asked me to thank you for taking the time to write.

The First Lady has a small staff, and at the present time all positions are filled. However, it is very helpful to have the information you furnished and we are pleased to keep it on file. Should any vacancy occur, your application will be given every consideration.

With appreciation and best wishes from Mrs. Ford,

Sincerely,

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



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 21, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you for writing to Mrs. Ford expressing your desire to obtain the campaign button which reads, "Keep Betty in the White House."

You will be interested to know that this button is not an official campaign button and was purchased for her from a private vendor in the Buffalo, New York, area. Unfortunately, we have no idea where it can be purchased.

Please know that both the President and Mrs. Ford deeply appreciate the commitment and support which your request represents, and they send to you their gratitude and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 27, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you for writing Mrs. Ford and sharing with her your views concerning the article which appeared in the National Enquirer.

We appreciate the concern which prompted your writing and are pleased to inform you that the article regarding White House photographer, David Kennerly, and his fish is inaccurate.

Please know that Mrs. Ford is grateful for this opportunity to clear up this misunderstanding and sends her very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
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