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Thursday 7/1/76

Bicentennial

10:30 I called Sandie Drake in Milt Mitler's office 2800  
to see if a Presidential bicentennial letter or  
telegram could be sent to the King City celebration  
on Sunday 7/4. She said they would send a telegram.

I called Rev. Martin Barker in King City, Mo. (816) 535-6278  
and he advises the telegram can be sent to:

(Heat & gas co.)

Rev. Martin Barker (816) 535-4303  
Co-Chairman  
King City Bicentennial Committee  
King City, Missouri

He said the closest telegraph office is at St. Joseph  
and they would get it and mail it on up to King City  
and thought it should get there in time.

I gave Dave Snyder the information and a telegram  
will be sent ----- since Sandie Drake was on  
another phone.

(Requested by Twila Despins)



July 14, 1976

We now mark the beginning of our Third Century as an Independent Nation as well as the 200th Anniversary of the American Revolution. For two centuries our Nation has grown, changed and flourished. A diverse people, drawn from all corners of the earth, have joined together to fulfill the promise of democracy.

America's Bicentennial is rich in history and in the promise and potential of the years that lie ahead. It is about the events of our past, our achievements, our traditions, our diversity, our freedoms, our form of government and our continuing commitment to a better life for all Americans. The Bicentennial offers each of us the opportunity to join with our fellow citizens in honoring the past and preparing for the future in communities across the Nation. Thus, in joining together as races, nationalities, and individuals, we also retain and strengthen our traditions, background and personal freedom.

As we lay the cornerstone of America's Third Century, I commend the officers and members of the Rosendale Lions Club on their Bicentennial event. Efforts such as this are helping to make our great national celebration a memorable and meaningful one for all.

GERALD R. FORD

3cc: S. Drake  
cc: D. Downton  
cc: J. Connor  
cc: R. Hossen  
cc: S. McConahey  
cc: Eva Daughtrey

IND: Mr. Virgil Kent  
Rosendale Lions Club  
Rea, Missouri 64480  
Send flat, no covering letter.  
Drafted in office of Milt Mitler.  
MEM/ds.



Tuesday 7/13/76

4:55 I called Milt Mitler's office and requested a  
bicentennial message to be sent to the following:

Mr. Virgil Kent  
President, Rosendale Lions Club  
Rea, Missouri 64480

It is for the Rosendale Bicentennial which is  
to be held on July 18 (Sunday).

Virgil Kent is the Postmaster in Rea, Missouri. (816) 526-2885  
phone outside ----- (816) 526-9215



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

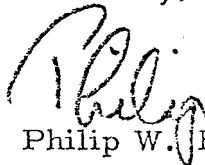
July 23, 1976

Dear Jake:

Many, many thanks for the copy which you have presented to me of Between Friends/Entre Amis.

It is a beautiful publication and it provides a permanent reminder, not only of the friendship between our two nations, but also of the very good friendship which Bunny and I have with you and Joan.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

His Excellency  
J. H. Warren  
Ambassador to Canada  
1746 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20036





1746 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C. 20036

June 21, 1976

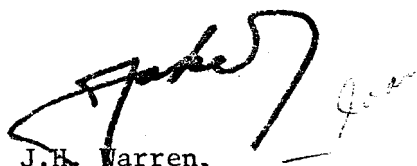
*Dear Phil,*

Canada and Canadians have greeted the United States Bicentennial in many ways and in many places. We have sent our performing artists to act, sing, dance and play on your stage; we have marched in your parades and joined in your celebrations from coast to coast. We have also prepared a special gift for you -- a presentation volume entitled Between Friends/Entre Amis.

In its title as in each of its photographs, this book gives evidence of the unique nature of the long association between our two countries. In it you will find the challenging and bountiful land which has shaped and blessed our two nations. You will see the border, the symbol of our division into two distinct peoples, as well as the roads and bridges, the houses, barns, fields and forests that join us. Most importantly, you will find pictures of us, Canadians and Americans. As individuals, our friendships have known no boundary; as nations we have a long tradition of living in harmony.

It is in the spirit of the amity between our peoples that I present this copy of Between Friends/Entre Amis to you. May it always remind you of our friendship, our admiration for your nation's two hundred years of achievement and our hope that the next two hundred years will bring you continued prosperity and peace.

Yours sincerely,

  
J.H. Warren,  
Ambassador.

The Honourable Philip W. Buchen,  
Executive Office of the President,  
Washington, D.C.





MILLER, THOMAS  
BOLCKOW BIC CELEBRATION  
PRES MESSAGES

July 24, 1976

We now mark the beginning of our Third Century as an Independent Nation as well as the 200th Anniversary of the American Revolution. For two centuries our Nation has grown, changed and flourished. A diverse people, drawn from all corners of the earth, have joined together to fulfill the promise of democracy.

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As we lay the cornerstone of America's Third Century, I commend the clergy and members of the United Methodist Church and the Christian Church and also the officers and members of the Bolckow Lions Club, District 26F and the Valley Lodge #413, F&AM on their Bicentennial activities. Efforts such as this are helping to make our great national celebration a memorable and meaningful one for all.

GERALD R. FORD

3cc: S. Drake  
cc: D. Downton  
cc: J. Connor  
cc: R. Nessen  
cc: S. McConahey  
cc: P. Buchen

Ind: Mr. Thomas Miller/Chairman  
Bolckow Bicentennial Celebration  
Route 1, Box 63/Bolckow, Missouri 64427  
TO BE SENT FLAT W/NO COVERING LTR...  
SJD



*Bicentennial*

Thursday 7/1/76

5:45 Bolckow had its bicentennial already --  
sponsored by the United Methodist and Christian  
Churches, and Lions Clubs and Masonic Lodge.

Tom Miller was the Chairman and his address  
is Route 1, Box 63, Bolckow, Missouri.

Thursday 7/15/76

3:10 Dave Snyder will send a bicentennial message 2800  
to them but asked which Lions Club was it --

Checked with Twila Despins and she advises  
that the Lions Club is District 26F and the Masons --  
Valley Lodge 413.

They will send a message.





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 28, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MILT MITLER

FROM: PHIL BUCHEN *P.*

Attached is another letter I have received from the Ambassador of Spain which is on the subject of your letter to him of July 23, 1976.

Attachment





THE AMBASSADOR OF SPAIN

Washington, D. C., July 20, 1976

Mr. Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Philip,

Thank you for your letter of July 16, a copy of which I have forwarded to Mr. Corral of Iberia Airlines.

I spoke with Mr. Corral by telephone regarding the matter of who will represent the United States in the "Operation Plus Ultra". He informed me that in accordance with the rules of the Organization the selection of a Peacetime Hero is made from among 3 children that are nominated as candidates for the award by the participating country. In the case of the U. S. this is being done through the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Corral has agreed to contact me immediately upon receipt of the nominations. Since, however, I will be out of the country during the month of August I have instructed my secretarial staff to transmit Mr. Corral's communication to you if it should arrive during my absence.

With best wishes,

As ever,

Jaime Alba



ALBA, JAIME AMBASSADOR  
PEACETIME HEROES CHILDREN  
TO SANDY - MEETING W/MEM  
Sept 14, 1976

July 23, 1976

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Counsel to the President, Philip M. Buchen, has forwarded your letter to me concerning the Peacetime Heroes Children for further response.

While the President is most appreciative of your interest and request, regrettably, his very heavy official schedule precludes the possibility of his meeting with the group of young people when they are here in September.

Recognizing the significance of their visit and their desire to present individual country letters of felicitation on the occasion of our Bicentennial, I would be most pleased to welcome the group to the White House and meet with them when they are in Washington on September 14, 1976.

If this is satisfactory with them, I would suggest that their representative contact me as soon as possible so that we may arrange a suitable time.

Thank you for your concern and interest.

Sincerely,

Milton E. Nitler  
Deputy Special Assistant

His Excellency  
Jaime Alba  
Ambassador of Spain  
2700 15th Street  
Washington, D. C. 20009

MEM/sjd

2cc: Sandy Drake  
cc: Phil Buchen  
cc: Jeanne Davis



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL  
DATE: July 16, 1976  
FROM: Philip W. Buchen  
VIA : William Nicholson

MEETING: Greeting to the Peacetime Heroes Children  
from ten different countries.

DATE: September 14, 1976 - Time: Open

PURPOSE: To greet the children from these various  
countries who will present you a letter  
which each child will bring on behalf  
of the Chief of State of his or her  
respective country congratulating the  
President on the occasion of the  
Bicentennial.

FORMAT: - location: Open  
- participants:  
- expected length of participation: 10 minutes

SPEECH  
MATERIAL: To be provided.

PRESS  
COVERAGE: White House photograph.

STAFF:

RECOMMEND: Philip W. Buchen

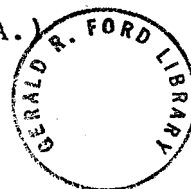
OPPOSED:

PREVIOUS  
PARTICIPATION: None

BACKGROUND: The Ambassador of Spain (His Excellency Jaime Alba)  
is very much in favor of the groups' visit. It  
has been suggested that if the President is unable  
to greet them perhaps Mrs. Ford could.

(See other pertinent material at TAB A.)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

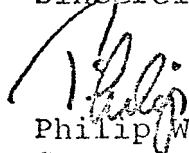
July 16, 1976

Dear Jaime:

The suggestion you made in your letter of July 2 concerning a visit to Washington on September 14, 1976, of the children from various nations who have been designated Peacetime Heroes, has been referred to the Office of Presidential Scheduling. I know the request will be given careful consideration, and I will let you know as soon as possible whether a meeting can be arranged with either the President or Mrs. Ford.

Warmest personal regards to you and Ana Maria.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

His Excellency  
Jaime Alba  
Ambassador of Spain  
2700 15th Street  
Washington, D. C. 20009





Washington, D. C., July 2, 1976

THE AMBASSADOR OF SPAIN

Mr. Philip Buchen  
Counselor to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

*Dear Mrs Buchen,*

I have received a letter from Mr. Wenceslao Corral, the Delegate General for U.S.A. affairs of the "Operation Plus Ultra" organization, sponsored by Iberia Airlines, asking for my assistance in procuring an audience with the President for the sixteen Peacetime Heroe children who will visit Washington on September 14, 1976.

The enclosed brochure offers background information of this organization (pages 8 through 12) as well as the individual story of some of the recipients of the Peacetime Hero award (pages 3 through 7).

On the occasion of the American Bicentennial celebration this group of exemplary children will visit the United States, accompanied by Red Cross nurses and stewardesses of Iberia Airlines. The tentative itinerary of their visit is: two days in New York; a day in Washington; and a two-day visit to Disney World in Florida.

Mr. Corral has indicated that he is presently arranging for the children to meet with the Secretary General of the United Nations, since they are bearers of a message of peace and brotherhood which they hope to be able to personally convey to him. Likewise, they are interested in meeting with President Ford for the purpose of handing him a letter which each child will bring on behalf of the Chief of State of their respective countries congratulating the President on the occasion of the Bicentennial.







Page 2.  
July 2, 1976  
Mr. Philip Buchen

THE AMBASSADOR OF SPAIN

The countries represented by the children this year are: Spain, Italy, Belgium, Federal Republic of Germany, Yugoslavia, Egypt, Zaire, Guatemala, Venezuela, and the United States for the first time.

Upon their return to Europe the children will be received by His Holiness, Pope Paul IV.

Thus, I once again turn to you to request your gracious assistance in bringing before the President our interest in his granting these children the privilege of meeting with him so that they may personally convey their countries' good wishes.

If you should need any further information please do not hesitate to call me. I thank you most sincerely for what you can do to promote further this request in order that it receive the President's favorable consideration.

With best personal regards, I remain,

Warmly yours

*Jaime Alba*

Jaime Alba



P.S. Given the nature of the visiting group, if the President's busy schedule should not permit him to receive the children, perhaps Mrs. Ford could. I leave it to your discretion.

ARBA

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 3, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT  
FROM: PHIL BUCHEN <sup>T.</sup>

Attached is a letter to the President from Roger Stevens concerning the gift from the Japanese government to the John F. Kennedy Center. It was delivered to me for routing to the President, but I thought you should see it and then have it passed on to the President.

Attachment





ARBA

JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Office of the Chairman

August 2, 1976

Dear Phil:

It was nice to see you and Bunny last night.

I don't think I ever properly thanked you for the role you played in making the Japanese gift ceremony such a success.

I have taken the liberty of routing this letter to the President through you, so that it will not get lost in the voluminous White House correspondence.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Stevens

Mr. Philip Buchen  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.





JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

11/1/76  
R. L. STEVENS

August 2, 1976

Dear Mr. President:

At the Board Meeting of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on July 29th, the Trustees reviewed the generous gift from the Japanese Government, which will enable us to complete the small theatre over the Eisenhower Theatre. At that time the Trustees requested that, on their behalf, I extend to you our deep gratitude for your kindness in allowing the Acceptance Ceremony to take place in the Rose Garden and particularly for your personal participation.

I can assure you we will continue to give proper recognition and credit to the Japanese Government for their generosity and that we will do everything possible to make them proud of their involvement with the Center.

Ambassador Hodgson wrote to me recently to say that the officials in Tokyo were very interested and excited at the prospect of having a week's festival here at the Center presenting the best in Japanese performing arts. As a matter of fact, they have even offered to include an allowance in their 1977 budget to help support the occasion.

Again, many thanks for your support with this project.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Stevens

Chairman

On behalf of

The Board of Trustees

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.



*Bicentennial*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 18, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

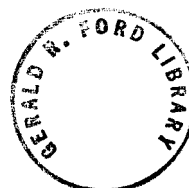
PHIL BUCHEN

FROM:

MILT MITLER *Mitler*

Phil, I understand from Susan Porter that Mrs. Ford will not be in the City at the time that Prime Minister Miki is here to make the Bicentennial presentation on behalf of the people of Japan.

I think in Roger Stevens' absence, the Vice Chairman of his board or some other appropriate member could accept the check for the Center. Because of other gifts coming from countries around the world, some in the form of checks, NSC and we have agreed that the President should not accept these personally, but that an appropriate representative of the receiving agency could accept in the presence of President Ford. This is the procedure we are following with the Crown Prince of Norway when he presents a check for \$200,000 which will be used toward the construction of a health and sports center for the handicapped.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 17, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: PHILIP BUCHEN

FROM: SUSAN PORTER

Thank you for your memorandum regarding the presentation by Prime Minister Miki of the check for a new studio theater to Mrs. Ford as the Honorary Chairman of the Board of the Kennedy Center. Mrs. Ford will be out of the city at the time of the Prime Minister's visit, and therefore will be unable to participate.

Thank you very much.

c: General Scowcroft  
Jeanne Davis  
Milt Mitler





*Bicentennial*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MILT MITLER  
SUSAN PORTER

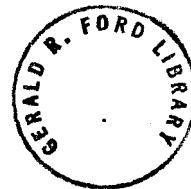
FROM: PHIL BUCHEN *P.W.B.*

SUBJECT: Presentation by Prime Minister Miki  
of gift from the Japanese government  
to the Kennedy Center

Between the time that the President meets with Prime Minister Miki and the time of the luncheon to be held afterwards, it is planned that the Prime Minister will present a \$3 million check to the Kennedy Center for a new studio theater as the major Bicentennial gift from the Japanese government.

Roger Stevens would very much like to have Mrs. Ford, as Honorary Chairman of the Board of the Kennedy Center, receive this gift at a brief ceremony which could be attended by other members of the Board of Trustees. Although Roger Stevens is now out of the city and may not be back before June 30th, he advises me that people in his office will be available to assist in making the arrangements for attendance by members of the Board of Trustees.

cc: General Scowcroft  
Jeanne Davis

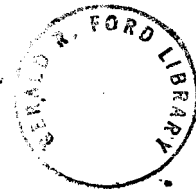


Tuesday 6/15/76

Meeting  
6/30/76  
1 p.m.

10:45 Will you want to call Roger Stevens on this?

(Luncheon for the Prime Minister of Japan)



NSC-3264

CONFIDENTIAL (GDS)  
DRO, 516188

June 14, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

SUBJECT: Luncheon for Prime Minister Miki of Japan

This is to confirm that the luncheon for Prime Minister Miki on June 30 will take place at 1 PM instead of 12:30 PM. Please inform the Japanese.

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Jeanne W. Davis  
Staff Secretary

cc: Jay Taylor  
Gen. Scowcroft

Susan Porter  
Maria Downs  
Military Aide's Ofc  
Milt Miller  
Phil Buchen ✓



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VIA LDX  
NSC-3264

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (GDS)  
DAD, 5/6/88

June 11, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

SUBJECT: Presidential Meeting and Lunch for Japanese  
Prime Minister

The President has agreed to receive Prime Minister Miki on June 30 for a 60-minute office meeting at 11 AM and will host a luncheon in his honor at 12:30 PM, along the lines of the luncheon for Danish Queen Margrethe. It is our understanding that the Japanese Government wishes to present its major Bicentennial gift of a \$3 million check to the Kennedy Center for a new studio theatre on the occasion of the Prime Minister's visit to Washington. In this regard, the White House is agreeable to a brief and small ceremony in the Rose Garden following the Oval Office meeting for the purpose of the presentation of the check. We understand that the Minister in charge of the Prime Minister's office will want to present the check and we believe it would be appropriate for him to present it to Roger Stevens. ARBA Administrator John Warner could be in attendance and the press could be called in to view the presentation. The President will be present for the ceremony but should not be the recipient of the check.

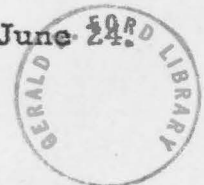
The Department is requested to confirm acceptance of the meeting and luncheon. At the same time, the Department should convey to the Japanese the White House desire to have the ceremony follow the lines indicated above and seek their concurrence. It should be made clear that the presentation ceremony is to be brief, would conclude following presentation of the check, and attendance should be strictly limited.

Please provide a suggested guest list for the luncheon to include spouses, no later than June 17. The Japanese party should be kept to 12. We would also appreciate knowing as soon as possible whether Mrs. Miki is planning to accompany the Prime Minister.

We will need the briefing material for the Miki visit no later than June 24.

cc: Jay Taylor  
Gen. Scowcroft

Jeanne W. Davis  
Staff Secretary



17010  
Stevens, Roger

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: PHIL BUCHEN *P.*

SUBJECT: Japanese Bicentennial Gift  
to the John F. Kennedy  
Center for the Performing  
Arts

Attached is a copy of a memo from Roger Stevens to me on the above subject. I would very much appreciate your having someone on your staff prepare a Schedule Proposal.

I would join in recommending approval of the suggestion.

Attachment



JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

May 21, 1976

Board of Trustees  
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM FOR: Philip Buchen

FROM: Roger L. Stevens

SUBJECT: Japanese Bicentennial Gift to the  
John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

As you know, the Japanese Government has agreed to contribute \$3 million to complete the studio theatre above the Eisenhower Theatre at the Kennedy Center.

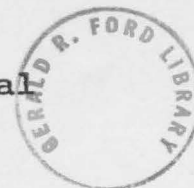
Would it be possible for the Japanese Ambassador to present the check for this purpose directly to President Ford at the White House?

There would be about 12 to 15 people in their official party, some of whom would fly over from Tokyo for the event. They would be accompanied by a Japanese press corps of about 25 reporters. In addition, we would expect at least 25 Trustees from the Kennedy Center and several other appropriate guests. The ceremony should not take more than 15 minutes. The Embassy has suggested that any time between June 10 and June 15 would be suitable, at the President's convenience. However, they would appreciate some advance notice for those who would be planning the trip from Tokyo.

For your information, on July 9th, the Japanese Government will be presenting to Secretary Butz 100 bonsai trees for our Arboritum. I understand that these trees are from 200 to 300 years old and are invaluable. In addition, they will present 100 cherry trees to the District of Columbia in September, as well as hundreds of other cherry trees to the cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle. Certainly these fine gifts are the most important the United States has received for the Bicentennial.

I appreciate very much your giving this your personal attention, and I will look forward to hearing from you.

*Roger*





August 5, 1976

Dear Lord Tavistock,

I am most grateful to you and the members of The British Bicentennial Heritage Mission for your thoughtfulness in presenting to our Nation a very lovely painting of the Jefferson Memorial with beautiful lilies and graceful flamingoes.

The painting is a most welcome addition to our Bicentennial gifts which are being displayed in the Great Hall of the Commerce Building. Many Americans and visitors to our country will enjoy seeing it and are sure to admire it as a most worthy contribution to the art treasures of our Nation.

Sincerely,

Betty Ford

Marquis of Tavistock  
Woburn Abby  
Bedfordshire, MK4 30-TP  
England

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July 29, 1976

Dear Lord Montagu:

You and the members of The British Bicentennial Heritage Mission have been most thoughtful and generous in your presentation to our Nation of "The American Atlas 1776".

The gift, which you gave to my Counsel, Philip W. Buchen, is most imaginative. It has been added to our display of Bicentennial gifts in the Great Hall of the Commerce Building so that many others may have the pleasure of seeing and enjoying it.

The manner in which our many friends in other lands have been responding to the spirit of the Bicentennial has been a source of great satisfaction. The visit to this country by you and your colleagues and your special presentation are further examples of that response.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu  
Palace House  
Beaulieu, Brockenhurst  
Hampshire, SO4-7ZB  
England



ARBA

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 27, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MILT MITLER

FROM: EVA DAUGHTREY

*Eva*

We are returning the draft responses for the President's and Mrs. Ford's signatures to Lord Montagu and the Marquis of Tavistock.

As you can see, Mr. Buchen has made some changes on your drafts and would appreciate receiving copies of the final letters as they are signed and sent out.

Thanks very much.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 23, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: MILT MITLER *Meer*

Attached are draft responses for the President's and Mrs. Ford's signatures to Lord Montagu and the Marquis of Tavistock as per your request.

*Placed  
copy as  
attached  
to signatures*



DRAFT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE

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Lord Montagu of Beaulieu  
Palace House  
Beaulieu, Bruckenhurst  
Hampshire, S04-7ZN  
England



DRAFT RESPONSE FOR MRS. FORD'S SIGNATURE

Dear ~~Lord~~ TAVISTOCK:

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Marquis of Tavistock  
Woburn Abby  
Bedfordshire, MK430-TP  
England





Wednesday 7/21/76

5:40 Milt Mitler was going to write the acknowledgment, but in view of all this background, don't you feel letters should be prepared for the President's and Mrs. Ford's signatures?

He will wait until he hears from us.



Wednesday 7/21/76

10:50 Milt Mitler called to say they have found the painting -- it was up in the storage area and it also has not been acknowledged.

The painting was to Mrs. Ford from the Marquis of Tavistock, Woburn Abby, Bedfordshire MK 430TP, England

He said both the painting and "The American Atlas -- 1776" had all the names of the Lords on the items --- so was suggesting that he could acknowledge both in the same letter to Lord Montagu.

I was discussing it with Mrs. Buchen -- and she feels that since the painting was to Mrs. Ford, it should be acknowledged in the East Wing. And especially because it has been such a long/since it was received, very warm letters should be sent.

I had received the call from Rogers Morton's office asking for a copy of the acknowledgment letter -- since they understood it had not been acknowledged (call from them on June 16th).

I called Angie in his office this morning to let them know that we had located the Atlas and the painting -- and asked her the reason for wanting a copy of the acknowledgment. She said that Lord Montagu is a friend of Mr. Morton's -- they spent a weekend together in Williamsburg. Lord Montagu wrote to Mr. Morton and said they had sent over the Atlas to the White House and said they hadn't heard whether it had been received. She read one paragraph to me:

"One point, however, we did send the President a beautiful Atlas, together with a picture for Mrs. Ford, via Mr. Buchen, who no doubt has presented the gift. It would be nice if we could some time have a letter from the President acknowledging the gift as I am sure you will appreciate we would like to place it on record in our Missions Archives." (From a letter dated June 1, 1976)



The address on the letter to Rogers Morton was:

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu  
Palace House  
Beaulieu, Bruckenhurst  
Hampshire SO4 7ZN, England

Milt Mitler said the painting showed:

Marquis of Tavistock  
Woburn Abby  
Bedfordshire MK 430 TP, England

Mr. Mitler said since the names of the Lords on both items were the same that he could just write an acknowledgment for both items.

Mrs. Buchen feels they should acknowledge Mrs. Ford's gift from the East Wing. Mr. Peacock, as well as Morton's office, feels the acknowledgment should come from the President.

The names on the two items were:

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu  
Duke of Marlborough  
Duke of Argl  
E Earl of Dunmore  
Marquis of Tavistock  
Sir Hugo Boothby, Baronet  
Lawrence Rich  
Vivian Lipman

Both Rogers Morton's office and Mr. Peacock have asked for copies of the acknowledgments.

Mr. Don W. Peacock  
Suite 609  
2700 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20008



Monday 7/19/76

3:30 I checked with Milt Mitler's office again 2800  
(Shirley had checked their offices on June 18th  
and they had no record of the Atlas or  
painting).

They said they would check again and call me.

Checked with Russ Rourke's office and they  
do not have.

Tuesday 7/20/76

9:40 Checked with Marge Wicklein and she does not  
have the items.

11:25 Dorothy Downton hasn't seen them. Suggested Carolyn in  
Mrs. Ford's office.

11:30 Called Carolyn and she will check and call me back. 2207

Called back to say they have not seen them.

11:40 Called Mitler's office and advised that no one has  
seen the items and wondered if I might go to the  
storage area and look for them since I knew what  
the Atlas looked like. They said they would give  
me a key.

When I went over to Mitler's office and was waiting  
for them to give me the key, I looked down and  
leaning against the wall in the outer office was the  
Atlas. It had not been acknowledged and he told  
them to get an acknowledgment on it right away.



Since they didn't have the painting, Mrs. Buchen suggested I call Don Peacock, who had arranged the trip for the British Lords, and ask him to describe it so we could tell Mitler's office what to look for.

265-5816

He indicated it was about 12 x 15 -- White House with pink flamingos.

I also asked him for an address for Lord Montagu. He will call London and call me tomorrow with an address so we can acknowledge the gifts.





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

6/18

X 280

for the  
Hester  
a  
copy  
file

I called Ritter's  
office for a copy  
of the acknowledgment.

You apparently  
sent the Atlas  
to him.



Wednesday 6/16/76

11:05 Angie in Rogers Morton's office said Lord Montague and the English Lords had sent a beautiful Atlas to the President -- which had been delivered to you.

457-6420

She was wondering if it had ever been acknowledged, and, if so, if Mr. Morton might have a copy.

Was this given to the President?

Mildred?

Dorothy?

Marge Wicklein?

You met with the English Lords on May 4th at 9 p. m. (I have checked our chron file and see no record of sending the atlas anywhere)



*President  
Gifts.*

May 5, 1976

To: Mr. Mitler

From: Eva Daughtrey

After discussing this material with Mr. Buchen, Russ Rourke said he talked with you and advised we would be sending "The American Atlas -- 1776" and the picture to you for acknowledgment.

Thanks so much.





MONTAGU, LORD HONORABLE  
PRES INVITATIONS  
(Regretted)

May 5, 1976

Dear Lord Montagu:

Following our conversation last Saturday evening and in response to the expressed interest of Presidential Counsellor Philip W. Suchen, a careful check of the President's schedule was made to determine the possibility of arranging a short meeting today for you and the other members of the British Bicentennial Heritage Mission.

Unfortunately, the press of events and the limited time schedule which you and your associates face makes it impossible for such an arrangement. Much as I know the President would enjoy the opportunity to meet with you, I am afraid schedules being what they are have precluded such a possibility.

I trust the tour you are making has been enjoyable up to now and will continue in that manner. I have no doubt that the hospitality you will receive in this country will fully match that which we Americans enjoy when visiting England.

My opportunity to join you and the others for dinner last Saturday was a most delightful experience.

My very best wishes to all of you.

Sincerely,

Wilton E. Mitler  
Deputy Special Assistant

The Right Honorable Lord Montagu  
President  
British Historic Houses Association  
c/o The Madison Hotel  
Washington, D. C.

MEM/sjd

2cc: Sandy Drake

cc: Bill Nicholson



Wednesday 5/5/76

11:20 Russ Rourke called. Said to tell you the message is being sent right now to Lord Montague. The message will mention "Phil Buchen's expression of interest".

Russ advised Milt of the 1776 Atlas -- and suggested they be sent to Milt's office and they will be duly acknowledged.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Ladies: One of the drivers dropped this by at 12:30 a.m., saying Mr. Buchen asked that it be saved for him in the a.m. It is for the President, but I don't know where it came from. Buchen should have the details.

Marilyn



Presented to Mrs. Gerald Ford on the occasion of the  
visit of The British Bicentennial Heritage Mission

Montague of Beaulieu  
Marlborough  
Argyll  
Tavistock

Hugo Boothby  
Vinal? Lipomey

Lareum Neil

President, Historic Houses Association  
Blenheim Palace  
Loverarary Castle  
Woburn Abbey  
National Trust for Scotland  
Fonmor Castle Wales  
Director of Ancient Douents and  
Historic Buildings  
The National Trust (England, Wales and  
North Ireland



STRAIGHTWIRE -----November 21, 1976

Mr. Larry Clark  
President  
Mother Goose Parade Association  
431 West Douglas Street  
El Cajon, California 92020

As we lay the cornerstone of America's Third  
Century, I commend the participants ~~and attendees~~  
<sup>in</sup> the Mother Goose Parade on the commemoration of  
the Nation's Bicentennial.

For two centuries our Nation has grown, changed and  
flourished. A diverse people, drawn from all corners  
of the earth, we have joined together to fulfill  
the promise of democracy. Efforts such as yours  
are helping to make our great national celebration a  
memorable and meaningful one for all.

GERALD R. FORD

3cc: Sandy Drake

cc: Dorothy Downton  
sc: Ron Nessen  
cc: Steve McConahey  
cc: J. Connor  
cc: Eva Daughtery ✓

IND: See above address. Event  
scheduled for November 21, 1976.  
Message drafted in office of Milt  
Mitler. MEM/DS/ds.



*Bicentennial*  
*11/21/76*

Thursday 11/18/76

4:20 Hank Manor (Royal T 76 Corp.) (714) 292-4621  
called to say Leon Parma rode in their  
car which is the official bicentennial  
car for the City and County of  
San Diego and the State of California.

They are going to have a parade and  
that car will be in it -- on November 21st.  
There will be 500-650,000 people there.

They picked up Leon Parma and Bob Nessen and  
took them to the opening of their San Diego  
office.

He thought it would be a respectful  
gesture if they could get permission  
from President Ford himself to carry the Presidential  
flag at this parade on the bicentennial car.

Checked and H.P. said the military office  
said that flag can be carried only if the  
President is there.

Advised Mr. Manor -- however, I suggested  
perhaps we could get a Presidential message  
to them for the bicentennial.

He told me to call the (714) 444-8712  
Mother Goose Parade Committee.  
(They have a big meeting tomorrow evening  
and all the board members will be there)  
(Mother Goose Parade is the second largest  
west of the Mississippi and will be covered by  
television , etc.)

I called that office and we have  
requested Milt Mitler's office  
to send a message to

Mr. Larry Clark, President  
Mother Goose Parade Association  
431 West Douglas Street  
El Cajon, California 92020.

Called them back to say it was going to be  
sent and they were delighted.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 23, 1976

*Bicentennial  
Gifts*

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH

FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.*

SUBJECT: Bicentennial Gifts

In answer to your memorandum of November 17 which included a copy of a memo from Milt Mitler of November 15, I attach a copy of a memorandum to me from Barry Roth, in which I concur.

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 23, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: BARRY ROTH *BR*

This is in reference to Jack Marsh's request for guidance regarding the disposition of the Bicentennial gifts which are now under the control of Milt Mitler's office.

These gifts were accepted on behalf of the people of the United States in order to avoid the appearance that the President was profiting therefrom. It is fully consistent with their acceptance to send them to the future Ford Presidential Library. However, I believe we should consider their title already to be vested with the United States, and thus title not be governed by any legal instruments that are to be used for the President's personal papers. Display in the Library is consistent with our handling of foreign gifts which are also property of the United States. While the Library will have authority to loan such gifts to other institutions, it will in the future have to discuss with Archives ways in which it might be able to donate such gifts to other museums. There is no need for immediate resolution of that particular question.

If the University does not have sufficient space for interim storage of these Bicentennial gifts, we should be able to arrange with Archives for interim storage since this is U.S. property.





THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 17, 1976

*to  
copy  
to*

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: JACK MARSH *Jack*

Please note the incoming memo from Milt Mitler in reference to disposition of Bicentennial gifts.

What guidance can you give us on this matter? What options are available on handling the gifts, particularly for his library? I assume this is the University of Michigan.

Many thanks.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 15, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH

FROM:

MILT MITLER *My*

Jack, up to this point we have not considered what should be done with the Bicentennial gifts. Currently, all are on display at the National Visitor Center (Union Station), except for two which are at the Smithsonian. In previous conversations, I have been told by Smithsonian officials that they have no place to store the gifts nor do they want them at the present time. These gifts have been accepted on behalf of the nation and are under my supervision as opposed to other gifts which Marge Wicklein has and which are placed into the archives and then made available for the President's Library.

There are many gifts which are quite valuable and others which have sincere significance because of the event they commemorate. While they really should be kept on display, I have no way of being certain how long the current display can last. Originally, when arrangements were made, I talked in terms of calendar year 1977.

There are some options which should be explored and possibly Phil Buchen should be asked for an opinion.

1. Permit the President to select Bicentennial gifts for his Library with the balance stored away or given to museums and other public interest areas on permanent loan.
2. Distribute all gifts to museums, etc., on permanent loan or outright donation.
3. Try to convince the Smithsonian to arrange for a Bicentennial gift display sometime during 1977 or as soon after the end of the Visitor Center display.
4. Maintain the display at the Visitor Center as long as possible and then store the gifts in the archives for future consideration.
5. Do nothing more than what has been done and let the next administration make the decision for future disposition of the gifts.

My personal option would be the first. Since he is the President who served during the Bicentennial year, I believe President Ford's Library should contain a selection of Bicentennial gifts.

