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Pres. Autograph

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

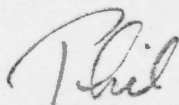
August 18, 1976

Dear Ed:

I had hoped to get this photograph to you the next time you came to the White House; however, since I will be away all of next week, I am having it delivered.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

The Honorable Edward H. Levi
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Enclosure



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 12, 1976

To: Frame Shop
Rm. 41 EOB

From: Eva Daughtrey

reed
8/13

The attached picture has
come unglued. Would
appreciate your fixing
it and returning it to us
so Mr. Buchen can give it
to the Attorney General.

Thanks so much.

I'm in the West Wing of
the White House -- 2nd floor.



To my very good friend, Ed Levi, in appreciation
of your wise, effective and loyal help during some very difficult
times. I'm most grateful. Warmest best wishes.
Jerry Ford

LEVI, EDWARD H.
The Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

Philip W. Buchen 8/7/76 (Please return)

Inscription: To Ed Levi in appreciation for
your great help to me and your distinguished
contribution to this Administration. Best
wishes. (Mr. Buchen would like the President
to personally sign this one.)



W.H. Photos
atty Gen

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1976

To: Mr. Dan Spaulding
White House Frame Shop
Room 49 EOB

FROM: Eva Daughtrey *Eva Rcd*

Mr. Buchen asked if you would have the attached photo of the President and the Attorney General matted so that we can have it autographed for him.

Thanks very much.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 14, 1976

*MacBride,
President
Autograph*

Dear Judge MacBride:

At last we have located the negatives of photographs taken when you were present for the deposition of the President. At the time I had advised the photographers to take precautions that these photographs not be made public, and apparently they were careful to the point of forgetting themselves where the negatives could be located.

Now we have had a print made, which has been signed by the President, and I am happy to send it on to you.

Very best regards,

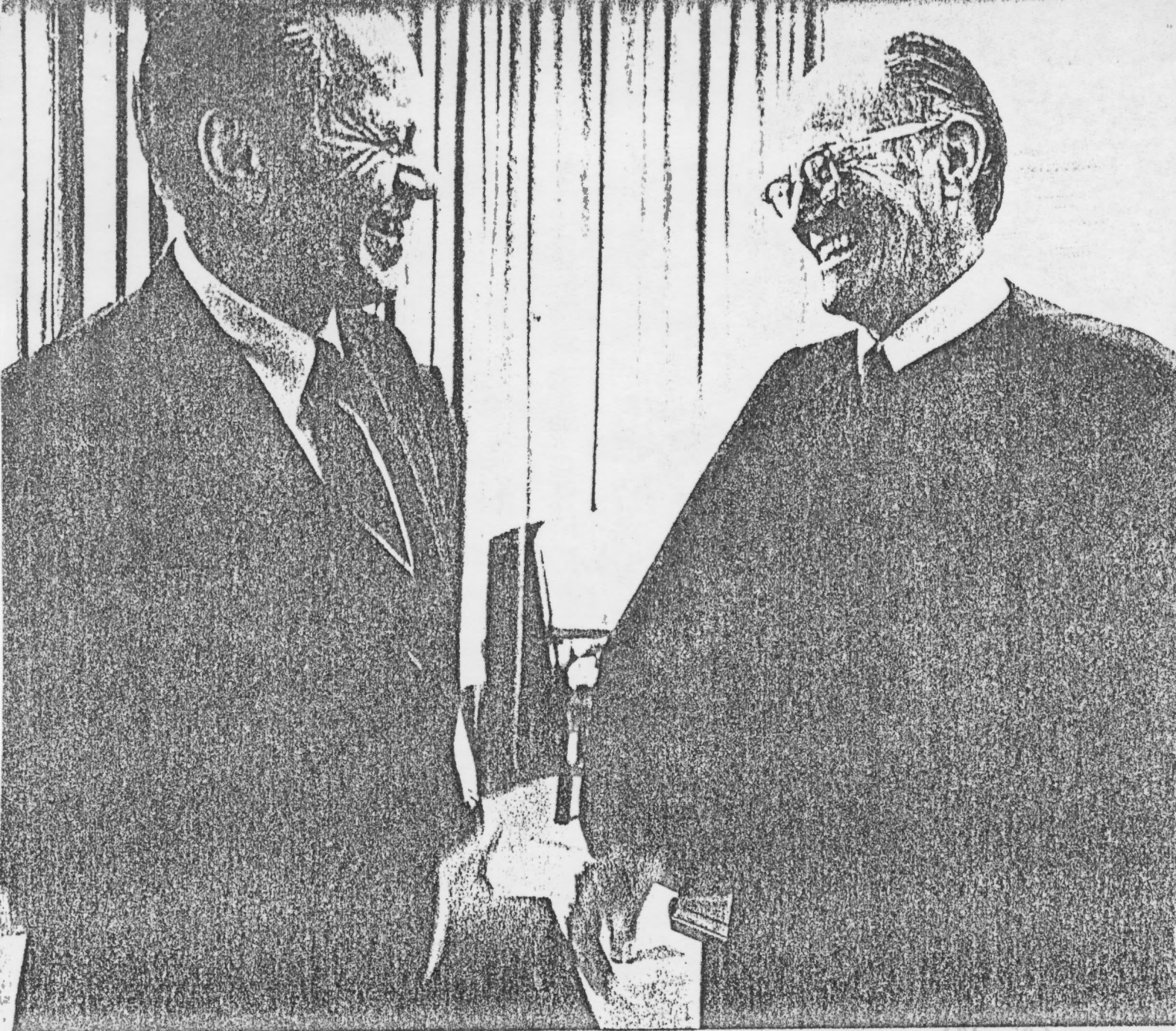
Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

The Honorable Thomas J. MacBride
Chief Judge
United States District Court
United States Court House
650 Capital Mall
Sacramento, California 95814





To Judge MacBride

In remembrance of an historical deposition

With best wishes,

Gerald R. Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 19, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: ANNE KAMSTRA
FROM: SHIRLEY KEY *SAK*

Mr. Buchen has attached a suggested inscription for the President's use in signing this picture.

He is the Judge who presided over the Fromme deposition given by the President.

The picture should be sent back to Counsel's Office for transmittal.

Thanks.

Attachment

transmitted

8-20



MacBRIDE, Thomas F. (The Honorable)
Chief Judge
United States District Court
Sacramento, California 95814

Counsel's Office 8/19/76

Inscription: To Judge MacBride,
In remembrance of an
historical deposition.

With my best wishes.

Requested by: Philip W. Buchen



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 14, 1976

Dear Judge MacBride:

Lest you think I have forgotten my promise to look into the matter of a photograph taken by our White House photographer at the time of your appearance here for the deposition of the President, I do want to assure you that I have a request in for a print of an appropriate photograph.

Unfortunately, there may be some delay because those particular pictures were handled separately to avoid any risk of their being published, and the security precaution taken seems to have been excessive.

It was good seeing you again at the St. Paul conference.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

The Honorable Thomas J. MacBride
Chief Judge
U. S. District Court
Sacramento, California

*MacBride
Thom. J.
Judge*



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 27, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: DAVID KENNERLY

FROM: PHILIP W. BUCHEN *P.*

Judge Thomas MacBride, the presiding Judge during the time the President gave his deposition in the Fromme case, would like a photograph taken of the the President and the Judge during that time. The meeting took place on November 1, 1975, in the Executive Office Building -- Room 460.
345-

Would you kindly provide my office with such a photograph.

Thanks very much.

Sorry, but we can find no such picture taken on that date. Could it have been another date?

Flacks.



United States District Court
Eastern District of California
Sacramento, California 95814

Chambers of
Thomas J. MacBride
Chief Judge

April 14, 1976

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

Dear Mr. Buchen:

I enjoyed being able to renew our acquaintance at the Roscoe Pound Conference last week. I am sure that I gained more than I gave, which is all the more reason for my pleasure in having been able to attend. I will admit however -- that I am still attempting to untangle the speech delivered by the Director of the Hudson Institute.

During one of our conversations we discussed Governor Brown's prospects for the Democratic nomination. Upon my return home I found among the newspapers that had accumulated during my absence an article in the Sacramento Bee, which I feel is an accurate and perceptive appraisal of our Governor.

The McClatchy newspapers pretty much dominate the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley. They publish the Sacramento Bee, Fresno Bee, and Modesto Bee. In addition, the company owns a radio and television station in Sacramento, and I believe another radio and television facility in the southern portion of the valley. In any event, they are a potent force in Central California. They have supported many Republican candidates, and normally support an incumbent regardless of his party. If the incumbent is a Republican who is being contested by a Democrat of questionable qualifications, the company has been known to "take a walk" on their recommendations and editorial policy. My guess is that in the Republican primary, if they were to make an endorsement, they would probably endorse President Ford for the reason that



Mr. Philip W. Buchen

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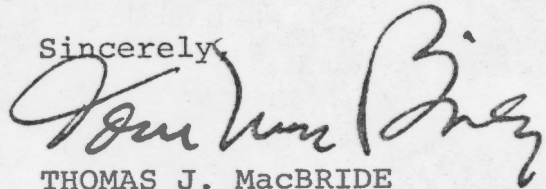
April 14, 1976

Governor Reagan was never a favorite with the McClatchys during his eight years as Governor of California. Obviously, this is pure speculation on my part. Generally speaking, the McClatchy newspapers support Democrats, public power, gun control, and stiff penalties for criminal conduct -- including the death penalty.

I am enclosing the aforementioned article. I hope it will be of some help to you in making your own appraisal of our Governor.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



THOMAS J. MacBRIDE

TJM:m

Enclosure



United States District Court
Eastern District of California
Sacramento, California 95814

Chambers of
Thomas J. MacBride
Chief Judge

November 17, 1975

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

Dear Mr. Buchen:

I apologize for the long delay in responding to your letter to me of November 3rd and to thank you for the many courtesies that you and the President extended to me during my visit to Washington on November 1st. My delay was not unintentional. I have been waiting for Mr. Fong, my Court Reporter, to complete transcription of his stenographic notes made at the hearing so that copies of the transcript could be delivered to both the attorney for the Government and defense to the end that they could both check it for accuracy. Because he has been required to produce a "daily transcript" in the trial, it wasn't until last Thursday that he was able to furnish counsel with copies of the transcript of the November 1st hearing. Thursday afternoon I received their approval of the transcript, and in accordance with my agreement with you and Mr. Thornburgh the tape was erased in my presence Friday morning before the trial of the case was resumed.

By the time you receive this letter you will already be aware of the fact that Mr. Virga did in fact use the President as his first witness Friday afternoon.

The proceeding went quite smoothly. Four television cameras were set up in the courtroom in order that the press and spectators in the courtroom would have full view of one of the monitors. A second monitor was placed in front of the television camera, the picture from which was seen only by the defendant Fromme in her cell down in the Marshal's office. (I have been required to remove her from the trial proceedings because she insists on disrupting the trial proceedings.) The other two monitors were placed in front of the jury.



Mr. Philip W. Buchen

November 17, 1975

I have caused the videotape to be placed in a secure position from which it will not be removed until all proceedings in this matter are concluded. It is obvious that it would be improper to destroy it now for the reason that if Miss Fromme is convicted and she takes the matter up on a successful appeal, then a new trial may be required. In that event the videotape would be used again in the new trial.

Again, I want to express my thanks to you and the President for your kindnesses. I felt very contrite in imposing upon the President in the manner that I did, however both his and your remarks to me were evidence of the fact that you appreciated my obligation as a Judge, and accordingly my conscience was eased.

I want to also thank you for sending to me the article from the 1975 University of Illinois Law Forum covering the history of Presidents and ex-Presidents as witnesses. The arrival of the article was quite timely. I have just finished conversing with a newsman, and frankly I was able to speak rather authoritatively on the subject -- but solely -- because of the Illinois Law Forum article.

I can't anticipate your coming to Sacramento, but as both a member of the United States Judicial Conference and a member of a Subcommittee of that Conference, I have occasion to be in Washington from time to time. I hope that on one of those occasions our paths will cross again.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,


THOMAS J. MacBRIDE

TJM:m

P.S. As I told you just before the President gave his testimony, I happen to be a Democrat with my partisan and political wings thoroughly clipped by reason of my judicial status. Nonetheless this does not deny me the right to say that I think your boss is a good man doing a fine job.

TJM



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 1

The President's deposition in the Fromme case was taken at 10 a.m. in Room 345 of the Old Executive Office Building. Present were Thomas J. MacBride, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California; John Virga, attorney for the defendant; Dwayne Keyes, U. S. Attorney for the Eastern District of California, and Richard Thornburgh, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, who represent the prosecution; and Richard Fong, a court reporter. The deposition was taken on videotape and turned over to the court.



October 31, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President's deposition will be taken at 10:00 AM Saturday in Room 345 of the Executive Office Building. Present at the meeting will be U.S. District Judge Thomas J. MacBride of the Eastern District of California; John Virga, Attorney for the defendant; Dwayne Keyes, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of California, and Richard Thornburg, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, who represent the prosecution, and Richard Fong, a court reporter.

The Navy Photo Center will provide the videotaping equipment and technicians to operate it. The videotape will be turned over to the court and will be shown only during the trial. Defense and prosecution attorneys will receive a written transcript of the deposition.

Court rules preclude press coverage.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 16, 1976

*Pres.
Autograph*

Dear Mr. Moran:

Much to my regret, I cannot fairly intercede to have the President autograph the card you have provided. I realize that you are a serious collector of autographs, but there are many other people who are serious collectors with already extensive collections. Each of them has been treated in the same manner as you have, and it would be unfair to allow your request to be favored simply because you have tried by writing a letter to me to achieve preference.

I appreciate your strong interest, but I also hope you will understand our situation here.

With this letter, I am returning your envelope and card.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Martin J. Moran, Jr.
1300 Lake Shore Drive
Massapequa Park, New York 11762

Enclosures



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

To Shirley

From Anne Kamstra

September 13

Miss Leonard asked me to send you a copy

of our "long letter." Here it is---we have a different format but the words are the same and I guess it is the words you are interested in - right?



August 29, 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Xxxx X. Xxxxxx
1234 Xxxxxx Street
Xxxxx, Xxxxxxx 00000

Dear Mr. Xxxxxx:

President Ford has asked me to acknowledge your letter requesting his personal signature on your postal cover.

The President of the United States is facing major domestic and foreign problems much greater than any President has faced at any other period in our history. His time and effort must be devoted to the solution of those problems. This means he is absorbed in meetings with his Cabinet, his domestic, and his foreign policy advisors on a daily basis. In addition he is expected to entertain foreign dignitaries, meet with patriotic, religious, and other groups, and to participate in innumerable other activities attendant upon his office--both in Washington and in other locations.

The White House receives literally thousands of requests each day for personally signed postal covers, photographs, golf balls, footballs, baseballs and every other type of memorabilia. In view of the President's heavy schedule it would be physically impossible for him to comply. It has therefore been necessary to devise another way in which to honor such requests. This device, the autopen, is used in most instances.

The autopenned signature is in fact an authentic signature (although not accepted by autograph dealers) inasmuch as it is simply a method wherein the President's exact signature is written by an electric pen. Since the majority of persons requesting the President's autograph are more interested in their historical value than in their monetary value, this method has proved to be most satisfactory in Administrations in the past, as well as in the present one.

However, since it is thought that persons do collect postal covers for monetary reasons, rather than to detract from the value of yours by having it signed by the electric pen, we are returning it to you. Of course if you have no objection to having your cover autopenned, please return it and we will be happy to comply.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Mildred Leonard
Personal Assistant to the President



August 19, 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Ssss S. Ssssss
1234 Ssssss Street
Sssss, Ssssss 00000

Dear Mr. Ssssss:

President Ford has asked me to acknowledge your letter requesting a personally autographed photograph.

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At President Ford's direction I am enclosing an autographed photograph and he hopes you will enjoy having it. He regrets as we all do that because of the above reasons it is not physically signed by him.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Mildred Leonard
Personal Assistant to the President



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Pres.
Auto:
(see
Taft,
Roth
Cmg)*

October 25, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

ELISKA HASEK

FROM:

PHILIP BUCHEN *P.*

I am returning the material which you sent me on October 21, and I suggest you have Bill Kendall return the documents to Senator Taft with the advice that it would not be consistent with the President's policy to sign a government document that is unrelated to his duties as President.

cc: William T. Kendall



Monday 11/1/76

11:20 Jeffrey Feldman called from 3R Sound Ltd., (212) 375-0990 New York. Said he had been directed to this office by Hughes' office at the PFC.

His firm has been contracted by the League of Women Voters to do an educational program (audio, visual, 16 mm) on the four Presidential debates. In the process of the production, they need facsimile signatures of Ford, Dole, Carter and Mondale.

His original discussion was with Buckley Byers in the Finance Department of the PFC. They have sent wires to Carter's people.

He has had a call back from Buckley Byers' office saying there was nothing they could do.

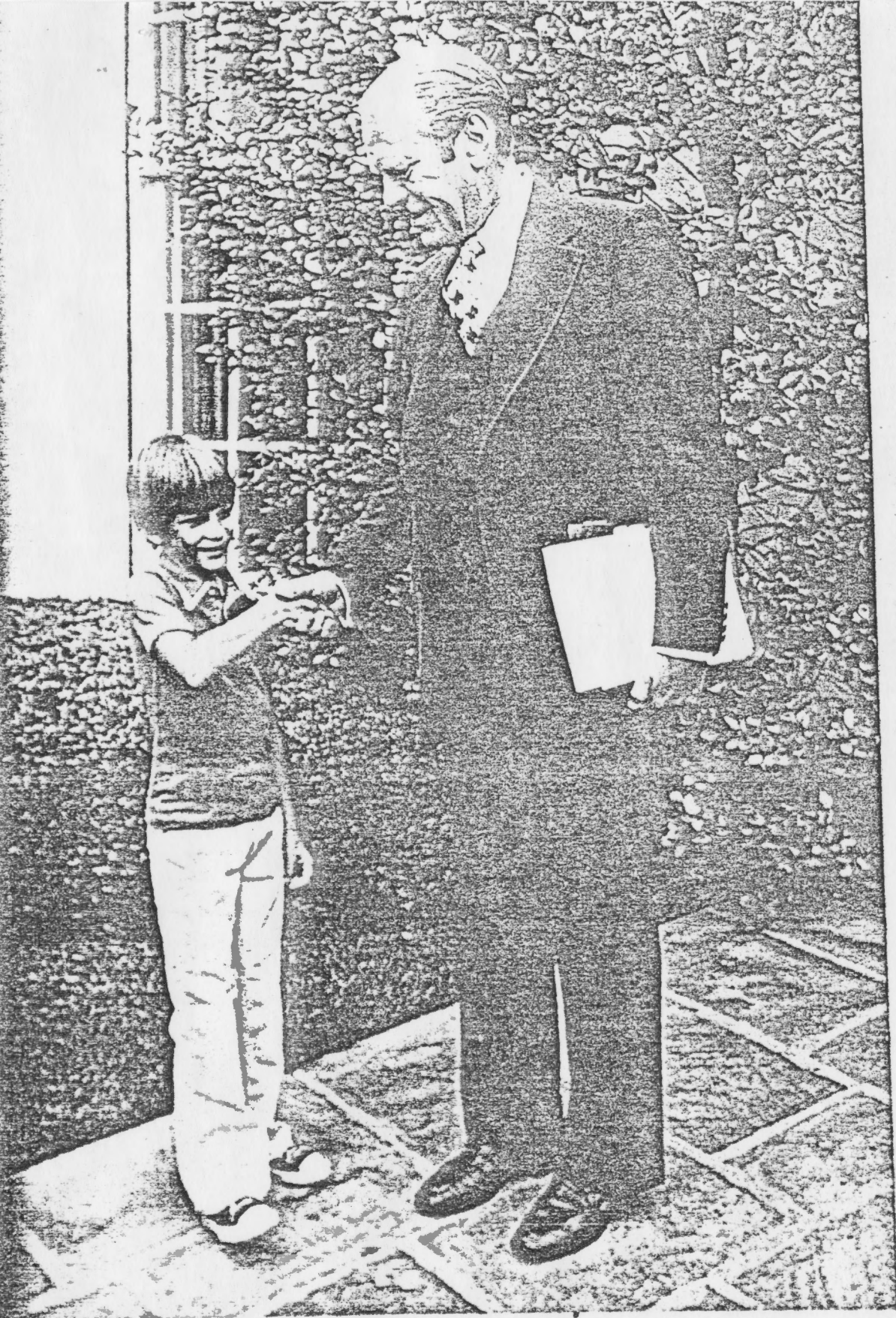
Carter's office called to say they're prepared to go ahead -- they can use the signatures of Carter and Mondale.

Barry is checking with the PFC.

I checked with Mr. Feldman to see what the urgency is -- and he indicates 24 hours is all they have -- should have had it day before yesterday.

*Barry he's
said
getting it.*





To Eric Bucken, with
very best wishes.

Jimmy Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1976

To: Nell
From: Eva *Eva*

The President kindly autographed a picture taken with one of Mr. Buchen's grandsons.

On July 28, another grandson had his picture taken with the President and would very much like to request the President's autograph.

In order to have the same inscriptions on both, we would appreciate it if an inscription could read:

To Eric Buchen, with
very best wishes

Thanks so much.



December 1, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MILDRED LEONARD
FROM: EVA DAUGHTREY

Betty Shur (Governor Scranton's secretary) called to say Mrs. Isaacs (the Governor's sister) had written a note saying that two daughters of long-time family friends of the Isaacs and the Scrantons would very much like to have autographed photographs of the President. Is this a possibility?

They should be sent to the following:

Mrs. Lynn Sinclair
9055 North Pelham Parkway
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53317

Miss Margot Beadle
Sea Turtle Lane
Vero Beach, Florida 32960

Thanks for your help.



*Pres.
Autograph
(see bottom)*

December 3, 1976

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

Dear Mr. Buchen:

Please find enclosed 4 cacheted envelopes, 2 of each date, honoring Gerald R. Ford as the Bicentennial President. These covers were re-issued by the Kent Philatelic Society during our annual show October 30 & 31, and are cancelled with our special postmark.

Would you please present these, for us, to President Ford to add to his philatelic collection.

I am also enclosing 3 extra envelopes, one of each date, for President Ford to autograph for our stamp club. If he will do this for us, we will be very grateful as these autographed covers would be a wonderful addition to our philatelic library.

You might be interested to know that the July 4th cover that the late Ken Hodge sent you to present to the President was a complete sellout by July 7, and we are still receiving orders for it from all over the United States and Canada.

Thank You for your time and effort.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Fred Ditkof
Cachet Chairman
Kent Philatelic Society
1504 Laurel S.E.
East Grand Rapids, Mi. 49506

DITKOF, FRED (MRS.)
Kent Philatelic Society
1504 Laurel, S. E.
East Grand Rapids, Mich. 49506

Sample Office: 12/10/76

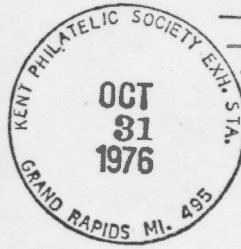
Inscription: Autopenning of cacheted envelopes....

Requested by: Philip W. Buchen



KENT PHILATELIC SOCIETY
Grand Rapids, Michigan

19TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION
OCTOBER 30-31, 1976



1971-1976

K.P.S.

U.S. BICENTENNIAL



HOME OF BICENTENNIAL PRESIDENT
GERALD R. FORD

Gerald R. Ford, the BiCentennial President, has been a philatelist since 1922 when relatives gave him a collection. At various philatelic events, he has not only expressed his interest in stamp collecting, but also his thoughts of the great enjoyment and useful education that stamps provide for the millions of people who collect them.

This envelope will become part of President Ford's collection.



STAFSETH, Henrik E. (Mr.)
Executive Director
Am. Assoc. of State Highway
and Transportation Officials
341 National Press Building
Washington, D. C. 20045

Sample Office: 12/10/76

Inscription: *Personal photo attached.
To Henrik
With best wishes

Requested by: Philip W. Buchen

*Pres.
Autographs
Stafseth,
Henrik*



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY
AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS



341 National Press Building
Washington, D. C. 20045
Telephone: (202) 628-2438

December 9, 1976

Mr. Philip W. Buchen
Council to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Phil:

I am writing to seek a favor for myself, and for a senior member of my staff, Gordon B. Sharp a native Washingtonian.

We both greatly admire President Ford and all he has accomplished for the entire nation during the most trying period in it's entire history. He has placed his indelible 'Mark' on America, both as a fine President and as a man.

Thus, we would greatly value his autograph on the enclosed, engraved portraits of the President.

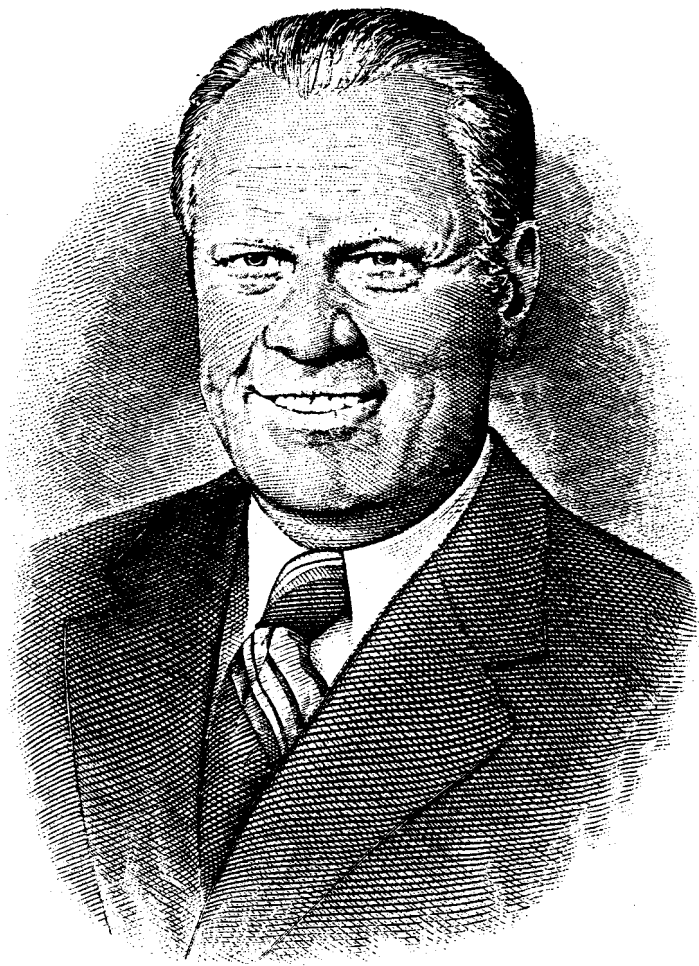
Sincerely,

Henrik E. Stafseth
Executive Director

HES:GBS:pw

Enclosure





WALDO R. FORD

SHARP, Gordon B.
Am. Assoc. of State Highway and
Transportation Officials
341 National Press Building
Wash., D. C. 20045

Sample Office: 12/10/76

Inscription: *Personal photo attached.
To Gordon
With best wishes

Requested by: Philip W. Buchen

*Pres.
Autographs
Sharp,
Gordon B.
(Call
Stefanek)*



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY
AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS



341 National Press Building
Washington, D. C. 20045
Telephone: (202) 628-2438

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The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Sincerely,

Henrik E. Stafseth
Executive Director

HES:GBS:pw

Enclosure



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 21, 1976

*Pres.
Autograph*

Dear Bob:

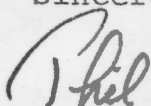
Thank you very much for your letter of December 15 concerning the 75th Reunion of Michigamua and for your words of encouragement.

I was most distressed to learn of Mary's death, and I extend to you and your children my deepest sympathy.

I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the office in charge of Presidential autographs with the hope that one can be obtained. Requests have come from all over, as you can imagine, and it will probably take a while to fulfill your order.

Very best regards.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Robert J. Canning
Manager
General Electric Company
3135 Easton Turnpike
Fairfield, Connecticut 06431

bcc: Jim Connor

*order filled:
12-23-76*



GENERAL  ELECTRIC

*Ocs.
Solomon
pictures*

CORPORATE FINANCIAL
MANPOWER OPERATION

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY 3135 EASTON TURNPIKE, FAIRFIELD, CONN. 06431
Phone (203) 373-2211

December 15, 1976

Mr. Philip Buchen
Chief Counsel to the President
The White House
Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Phil:

I've been meaning to write you for some time to update you on the great 75th Reunion we had of Michigamua, but because of some personal problems, which I'll explain shortly, I just never got around to it.

First, with respect to the meeting, we had a great affair - over 200 present - including three from our Tribe. I have some pictures of Charlie Kettler, Hal Spoden, and yours truly, which I'll send you as soon as I get some extra prints developed. I continue to be impressed with the spirit that those of us who went through the process bring back to the campus and the loyalty to the University, and yet I understand that we are now under attack, based on a recent Michigan Daily article which I've yet to see. Much thanks, incidentally, in keeping this spirit going is due to a great guy in the Housing Office named John Feldkamp, who really is our modern day Bud Rea.

Writing you is also triggered by an article in the Times last Wednesday, December 8, concerning your plans after the President leaves office. That reminded me all over again of something I'd very much like, if you can make it happen. What I'm talking about is a personally autographed picture from the President to yours truly. I admire the man greatly and only wish I could have known him better - he left as a senior when you and I came aboard as freshmen. If possible, would you be able to get me an autographed picture addressed personally to me as Bob Canning from him. Another way to do it would be by my Tribe name (Hollow Echo) signed by his, but I really would prefer the one to Bob Canning. I realize these are hectic days, but I'd sure appreciate it.

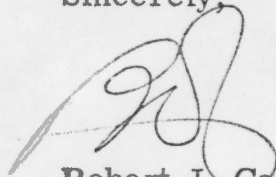


December 15, 1976

Phil, I mentioned when I started this letter that I had been involved in some personal problems and that, frankly, concerned the death two weeks ago of Mary. I don't know whether you recall Mary - she and I were going around together during our senior year and, in fact, she was with me at the picnic of our Tribe in Spring of '38. Mary died two weeks ago, November 29, but it was not completely unexpected since she has had a bout with cancer for the last four years. We have five great children - the youngest of whom is a sophomore at Colgate - all went through college, or are going, and so it's a great tribute to her.

Phil, I trust things will work out well for you in Washington, and I hope that somehow or other we manage to run into each other there. If you, of course, ever get to Greenwich or the immediate vicinity, please call me.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Canning
Manager

RJC:sb



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 4, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: DAVID KENNERLY

FROM: PHILIP W. BUCHEN

One of the President's old friends has requested an autographed picture of the President and Mrs. Ford together.

Would you kindly provide my office with one.

Many thanks.

Renaissance
(1) 872 - 8184 (1) 533 - 8047

The photograph is for Jose Abraham (Maitre d' of the Renaissance Restaurant). Formerly of Sea Catch Rest.

Would the President be willing to join Mr. & Mrs. Buchen there for dinner some night before the 20th?

The picture should be personally autographed rather than penned per Mrs. Buchen.

