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## Mrs. Ford Names Aide

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Maria Downs, who served as a special assistant to former White House counselor Anne Armstrong,

was cochairman of the Republican National Committee and then was appointed by former President Richard M. Nixon to

1974

# A First Lady's Plan To Meet The Press

By Donnie Radcliffe

Betty Ford plans to hold news conferences on a regular basis, perhaps monthly, the White House announced yesterday.

If so, they would mark for a First Lady the most frequent regular contact with the press since Eleanor Roosevelt.

She "tentatively" has set one for Wednesday afternoon, if that day does not conflict with a press conference being scheduled for her husband, the President, according to Helen McCain Smith, who was named Mrs. Ford's press secretary yesterday. She had served Mrs. Nixon in that post since March, 1973.

The First Lady wants "to know" reporters who cover her and the family, according to Mrs. Smith, and she realizes that it is impossible to have interviews with each of them.

"She will be very open," Mrs. Smith predicted.

Jerald terHorst, Mr. Ford's

## STAFF, From B1

staff will include Nancy Howe, previously named a personal assistant; her secretary, Carolyn Porembka; and Marba Perrott, who will be director of correspondence, succeeding Gwen King, who recently retired after 21 years of government service.

Helen Smith was director of press relations when she first joined the Nixon administration in 1969. She became press secretary when Constance Stuart resigned in March, 1973.

"Both Lucy (Winchester) and I will have direct access to Mrs. Ford," Mrs. Smith said yesterday.

She said that Mrs. Howe, 43, wife of a former Army officer who now heads the Spanish department at Trenton (N. J.) State College, "will not be handling the press."

Mrs. Smith said that Mrs.

Saturday, August 24

## Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

## STATEMENT BY RON NESSEN

Mrs. Betty Ford was examined at Bethesda Naval Hospital on Thursday morning (September 26, 1974) for a regular medical check-up. During the process of that examination, a small nodule was detected in her right breast. After further medical consultation, it was recommended that the nodule be surgically removed and a biopsy be performed to determine whether it was benign or malignant.

Mrs. Ford has entered Bethesda Naval Hospital for preparation for the surgery which will be performed Saturday.

Mrs. Ford entered the hospital at 5:55 p.m. She was accompanied by Mrs. Nancy Howe, Special Assistant to Mrs. Ford.

Dr. William Lukash informed the President Thursday (yesterday). Later yesterday the President and Mrs. Ford decided that Mrs. Ford would enter the hospital tonight and that the surgery would be performed tomorrow.

The purpose of the surgery is to determine through a biopsy whether the nodule is benign or malignant. Should it prove to be malignant, surgery would be performed to remove the right breast.

Surgery will be performed by Navy Captain William Fouty, Chief of Surgery at Bethesda. He will be assisted by J. Richard Thistlethwaite, civilian consultant to Bethesda Naval Hospital and Professor of Surgery at the George Washington University Medical School. Dr. Lukash will be in attendance. Mrs. Ford was in good spirits when she entered the hospital.

Further announcements regarding Mrs. Ford's condition will probably be made sometime Saturday afternoon.

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Mrs. Ford

October 2, 1974

Dear Sam:

How can I not respond to such a warm gracious letter from you. "My client" is quite a man, with a tremendous ability to choose the right path for our nation. I only hope that I can serve him well by handling the many very complex problems here to ease his burden.

The First Lady is doing just great! She is truly a magnificent person.

Thank you so very much for your thoughtful letter.

Most sincerely yours,

Philip W. Becker  
Council to the President

Mr. Samuel M. Dix  
320 Federal Square Building  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502



September 9, 1974

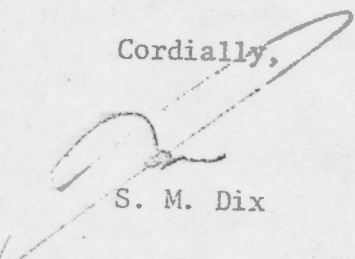
Mr. Phillip W. Buchen  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Phill:

Congratulations on your client's decision to pardon Mr. Nixon. You are aware of my early concern for the gentleman's removal, and it is almost as important today that the whole thing be put behind us. The government has too many problems to allow more time to be consumed in this situation.

Again, no answer needed.

Cordially,



S. M. Dix



*Mrs. Ford*

October 2, 1974

Dear Mr. Lenihan:

I have received your letter of September twenty-eighth. Please be assured it is always your right to disagree and this right will always be respected by President Ford.

The First Lady is making an excellent recovery. Thank you very much for your thoughtful good wishes. I will pass them along to Mrs. Ford.

Most sincerely yours,

Philip W. Bachan  
Counsel to the President

Mr. L. K. Lenihan  
35 Orange Street  
Brooklyn Heights, New York 11201





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September 28, 1974

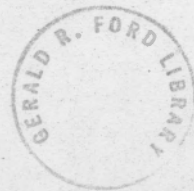
Dear Mr. Buchen:

Thank you for your reply to my letter of September 3 protesting Presidential action in pardoning Mr. Nixon before a trial and possible conviction.

However much I still disagree with this action I feel this is no time to indulge in recrimination in view of the travail both the President and Mrs. Ford are undergoing. I am sure that everyone throughout this broad land would join me in wishing Mrs. Ford a speedy and full recovery.

Sincerely yours

*L. K. Lenihan*  
Liam Keith Lenihan



*Ford, Mrs. Betty*

Monday 10/7/74

11:55 Nancy Howe called. The First Lady would like to talk with you. They will call again in half an hour.

12:35 Nancy called again. I suggested we could call her as soon as you return from your meeting with the President.  
(through the White House switchboard - Ext. 561)

*Returned call  
10/7/74*





Tuesday 10/15/14

*Howe  
Nancy*

5:30 Courtney Howe called to say her mother's birthday is Sunday (10/20) and she was getting together a group for a surprise birthday party for her ---- address is 3017 Cathedral Aven, N. W. ----- time: 7 p. m.

265-2933  
tomorrow:  
632-6366

She thought her mother would so much enjoy having you and Mrs. Buchen.



Tuesday 10/15/74

Inv. *Reg*  
10/15/74  
1:15 p. m.

12:30 We were invited to the East Garden at 1:15 today  
(Tuesday 10/15) to hear a short program by  
Tennessee Ernie Ford to celebrate the 26th wedding  
anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ford.

None of us was able to attend.

*Unable to go*



October 31, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary

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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

STATEMENT BY DR. WILLIAM M. LUKASH

Mrs. Betty Ford has just completed five weeks of convalescence following surgery for breast cancer. During this period, special diagnostic studies and physical examinations have not identified any clinical evidence of residual cancer. Because two of the 30 lymph glands removed at surgery had revealed the presence of malignant cells, one cannot be entirely certain that undetected microscopic malignancy has not spread to other areas. For this reason, it has been decided that the First Lady will be treated with chemotherapy to insure more inclusive treatment against any possible remaining cancer. It is anticipated that this therapy will allow her to continue all normal activities as wife, mother and First Lady. Mrs. Ford's progress to date has been excellent and her outlook for prolonged good health is extremely favorable.

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*President  
Personal*

Friday 11/15/74

11:20 Dr. Levy advises the First Lady has accepted honorary  
chairmanship of the Cancer Society.



*Mrs. Ford  
Personal*

Jan. 28, 1975

**To: Nancy Howe**

**From: Eva Daughtrey**

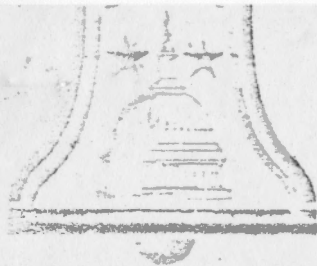
**Mrs. Buchen asked if we  
might get this to Mrs. Ford.**

**Thanks so much.**

Letter of 1/22 from Mrs. Lathrop, 2614 Littlefield Dr., N. E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506







[Feb. 1975]

# OUR CAPITOL FREEDOM SPEAKS

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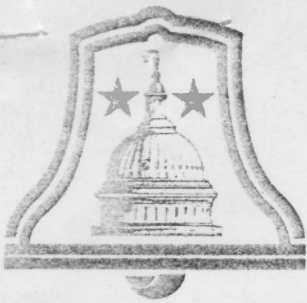
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Nancy M. Howe

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# OUR CAPITOL; FREEDOM SPEAKS

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Nancy Howe

FROM: Lynette Lawson

RE: White House Luncheon - February 18, 1975

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Please feel free to strike any names from the list and also to add any that Mrs. Ford feels are appropriate.

I will wait to here from you as to working with Pat Howard or whoever.

There is a good deal of information that we can send to Bob Hope if you so advise.

Thanks over and over . . .





2/11/75

Geoff:

Mr. Buchen had to go to the barber's -- but asked if you would look over this list and see if you see anyone who is "tainted."

If you have any questions, he can be reached in the barber shop.

Eva





Tuesday 2/11/75

2:50 Lynette Lawson thinks the following should be added to the list of invitees:

Mr. Barron Hilton  
9990 Santa Monica Avenue  
Beverly Hills, California 90212

(He is the top name for the Hilton Hotel chain.)



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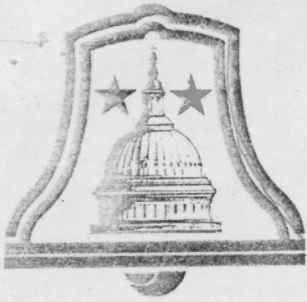
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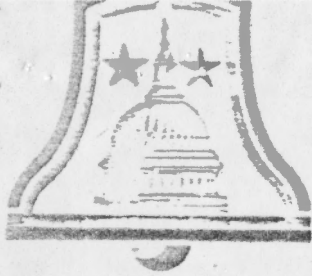
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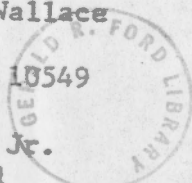
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FEB 18 1975

February 12, 1975

Dear Mr. Adam,

It was of special interest to learn of plans for the restoration of historic Gadsby's Tavern in Alexandria. Although I am unable to have an active role in this project, it would be a pleasure to have my name listed as Honorary Chairman of the Friends of Gadsby's Tavern reflecting my encouragement for these efforts to preserve this historic meeting place. The real meaning of the Bicentennial lies in the hearts and minds of the people of this country. This project captures this spirit.

With warmest best wishes,

Sincerely,

/s/ Betty Ford

Mr. William Robert Adam  
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138 North Royal Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

c: Clem Conger  
✓ John Marsh  
BF Honorary Affiliations (accept)  
Bicentennial Folder

SP/s

*Mr. Ford*

Thursday 2/20/75

2:00 Called Nancy Howe and told her that unfortunately you did not get Mrs. Ford's will from the office -- but when you return from Nepal, you will take care of the matter.





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*President Personal  
Mrs. Ford*

February 27, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: SUSAN PORTER

FROM: KEN LAZARUS *KL*

I see no legal problem in Mrs. Ford permitting the University of Michigan to establish a Nursing Scholarship Endowment in her name. Should she approve this request, I would suggest, as a matter of appearance, that she not actively participate in UM's fund-raising efforts for this scholarship.

If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

KAL:dln

bcc: Phil Buchen ✓



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 24, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: PHILIP BUCHEN  
FROM: SUSAN PORTER

Mrs. Ford has been invited to participate in the University of Michigan School of Nursing's 75th Anniversary in October, 1975. In addition to her serving as guest speaker at this occasion at Dow Auditorium at the University of Michigan Medical Center, they would like to honor her with the establishment of Nursing Scholarship-Endowment in her name. A base of \$5,000 is needed to establish this kind of scholarship and they would like Mrs. Ford's approval as soon as possible in order to begin their fund raising for this scholarship.

Mrs. Ford has not yet seen this because I wanted to determine from you whether there are any legal complications. Pending her approval it looks like a very nice thing to me, however, I would like your assessment of any legal questions involved.

Thank you.

c: Warren Rustand



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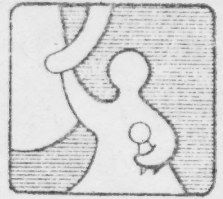
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HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN  
1731 BUNKER HILL ROAD, N.E.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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"Everyone has someone to care for"

March 1975

## FIRST LADY & FRIEND...

Certainly our highest hours in the month of March and perhaps for the entire year was the visit of Mrs. Betty Ford and her friend Mr. Milton Hoffman of New York.

It all started last Christmas when Mr. Hoffman sent a blank check to Mrs. Ford requesting that she make it out to her favorite charity. The check was then forwarded to The Hospital for Sick Children.

Appropriate letters were written thanking Mr. Hoffman, telling him about our Hospital and the First Lady's personal interest in our children.

In February Mr. Hoffman contacted Mrs. Ford and said he would like to visit "that Hospital" and arrange a memorial to his late wife who died in the crash of their private plane two years ago. Mrs. Ford had a better idea...she would invite him to luncheon at the White House and bring him to the Hospital herself.

Thus on Wednesday, March 5th, the First Lady's personal limosine rolled up to our double-red doors and out she stepped, followed by her friend Mr. Hoffman. Other cars in the caravan brought Mr. Hoffman's son Martin, Nancy Howe, Mrs. Ford's special assistant who arranged the visit, and the White House retinue of Press Secretary Sheila Weidenfeld and Secret Service Men.

At the steps to greet our VIP guests were Dale Lowe, Dr. Constan Battle and Lorene Nagel who arranged the HSC end of this important visit.

Beginning at the Day Care area and proceeding through all the the apies and nursing units, Mrs. Ford and Mr. Hoffman showered their attention and concern upon the children. They talked with Staff, asked interested questions, remarked constantly about "the wonderful work you are doing here". They were escorted through the Nursing sections by Annette Vanhooke who described the various areas.

Upon entering Unit C Mrs. Ford approached the first bed on the right and said, "Lorene, whatever happened to the little girl who was in this bed when I came here on my first visit a year ago?" Lorene could not recall, turned to Mary Ann Berdak, Unit C Supervisor, who also tried to think what child it was. Then Mrs. Ford said, "Lorene, her name was Denise".

Surely in the last year she has met probably ten thousand people, yet the name of one little patient at The Hospital for Sick Children remained in her mind and heart.

This single word reveals the depth and sincerity of The First Lady's interest and concern.

GERALD R. FORD

*Mrs. Ford*

March 4, 1975

To: Nancy

From: Phil Buchen

Mrs. Ford should sign on  
the line at the bottom of the  
first page on both copies  
of the Will.

Thanks.





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TELEPHONE (616) 459-1171

February 17, 1975

PERSONAL AND ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Ford:

Enclosed is your original will, which we understand you wish to execute in its present form with Phil Buchen's supervision. This is being sent to you at Mr. Buchen's request by telephone call to Niel Weathers on Saturday, February 15.

Very truly yours,

*E. Greene*

Secretary to Mr. Weathers

Enclosure  
eg





Friday 2/28/75

10:30 Pat in Jerry Jones' office said on Feb. 14  
Don Rumsfeld wrote a memo to Cheney re  
antilobbying and speaking to the First Lady.

It was referred to Jerry Jones and said "You and  
Phil Buchen should talk about how to get to the First Lady."

She was checking to see if anything had been done.



*Women's Rights - Mrs. Ford*

March 4, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

NANCY HOWE  
MARBA PERROTT  
NANCY RUWE  
SHEILA WEIDENFELD

FROM:

PHILIP BUCHEN

In view of the interest of the press and public demonstrators in the First Lady's activities to support the proposed Women's Rights Constitutional Amendment, I am reminded to caution each of you about use of White House staff or facilities for activities not in the ordinary course of official operations.

The activities related to the Women's Rights Amendment were intended to influence the votes of State Legislators and are in no way restricted by any Federal legislation. However, if there were to be activities intended to influence the public on legislation before the Congress, my office should be consulted before any steps are taken.

Also, on any functions which are related to fund raising projects or which might appear to pose conflict-of-interest problems with persons doing substantial business with the Government or having a major interest in the outcome of particular Federal legislative proposals, I would suggest advance consultation with my office.

Another way in which we may be helpful to you is in proposing how to answer correspondence to the First Lady or press questions which touch upon legal matters or the propriety of particular activities.

There is no thought that problems have already arisen which should have been avoided, but in order to maintain the good record, I am suggesting that caution should be exercised in the matters described so as to avoid any possible future problems.

bcc: Don Rumsfeld  
Jerry Jones



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*Ford,  
Betty*

March 5, 1975

Dear Elsie:

Enclosed is the original of Mrs. Ford's Will to be put in the Will file and I am having her office retain the second copy for her records.

Sincerely yours,

*Phil*

Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Mrs. Elsie Green  
Law, Weathers, Richardson  
and Dutcher  
740 Old Kent Building  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502

Enclosure

cc: Mrs. Gerald R. Ford



*Green  
Elsie*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1975

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Sincerely yours,

*Phil*

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Enclosure

cc: Mrs. Gerald R. Ford





4/8/75  
Mrs. Ford

Friday 3/28/75

11:50 Mrs. Buchen said since you're seeing the President, would you just as soon ask him if there's any chance of your entertaining them for Mrs. Ford's birthday -- 8th of April. Party or have them for dinner?





April 9, 1975

file  
mr. Ford

Dear Mr. Law,

I was delighted to learn of extensive plans for the renovation of the St. Cecilia Music Building in Grand Rapids and plans for fund raising efforts toward this end. Although my pending personal and official commitments will not permit me to participate, I am deeply grateful for this opportunity to encourage this project and all who are actively involved in this undertaking. Both the cultural contribution to the community and the aesthetic and historical aspects are enhanced and in turn the lives and spirit of the people of Grand Rapids are enriched and uplifted by this project.

With gratitude and warmest best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mr. Roger Law  
St. Cecilia Restoration Committee  
425 Frey Building  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502

SP/sh

c: ✓ Phillip Buchen



Thursday 4/10/75

1:55 After talking with Mrs. Ford, Mr. Buchen asked me to call Dr. Norman Tamarken -- he wants to talk to him when he is free to talk with for a few minutes.

965-3922

2:03 Dr. Tamarken was unavailable.

2:10 Returned the call.



*Mrs Ford*

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

May 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR PHILIP BUCHEN

FROM: Jeanne W. Davis *JWD*

SUBJECT: Correspondence Prepared For Signature  
By or on Behalf of Mrs. Ford

In response to your May 12 chit to General Scowcroft, we have cautioned Ms. Perrott to clear with the NSC Staff all correspondence touching on foreign affairs prepared for signature by or on behalf of Mrs. Ford.

In the case of the promised further reply to Representative Heckler on the two Soviet emigration cases, we have asked the State Department to prepare urgently a draft response. When we have it, we will discuss with your staff whether you would wish to sign it or have it signed by another White House staff member.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1975

*Heckler,  
Margaret  
(Cong.)*

MEMORANDUM FOR:

GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM:

PHILIP BUCHEN

*P.W.B.*

Attached are copies of a letter from Congresswoman Margaret Heckler to Mrs. Ford and the reply sent in Mrs. Ford's behalf.

Unfortunately, the reply appears to commit our office to a more positive response, and I would very much appreciate your guidance on how to respond.

Attachment





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Ford

Eva -

Per our  
phone  
conversation

Thank

Barbara





THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 9, 1975

Dear Mrs. Heckler:

Mrs. Ford has received your recent letter with reference to Mark Nashpits and Boris Tsitlyonk. While she shares with you a very genuine concern in this tragic circumstance she is unable to be of direct assistance.

However, the First Lady is pleased to share the information you furnished and we have forwarded your letter to the office of Counsel to the President. We are confident that proper attention will be taken and we have asked that they correspond directly with you.

Mrs. Ford wishes to thank you for taking the time to write and sends her warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Marba S. Perrott  
Director of Correspondence  
for Mrs. Ford

The Honorable Margaret M. Heckler  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515



MARGARET M. HECKLER  
10TH DISTRICT, MASSACHUSETTS

VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE  
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COMMITTEE

*Copy to  
State*

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
April 17, 1975

Mrs. Betty Ford  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Ford:

The tragic circumstances of two young Soviet Jews has recently come to my attention. I realize that you do not usually take part in political affairs between nations. We in the Congress usually do not either. However, I felt you should know the story of these young men.

Mark Nashpits, a 27-year-old dentist, and Boris Tsitlyonk, a 31-year-old electrician recently joined in a brief demonstration on behalf of the right to emigrate. They were reportedly the first Jews to be brought to trial in Moscow for demonstrating and were subsequently sentenced to five years exile. The young men had applied to emigrate more than two years ago. Their mothers are new citizens of Israel.

If the past record is any indication of their fate, Mark and Boris will likely be sentenced to spend their five years in a work village in Siberia. They are undoubtedly paying a high price for their convictions.

As one mother to another, I appeal to you in their behalf. I recently visited with the mothers of Mark and Boris and was deeply touched by their story. The sentences are now in a period of appeal and immediate action is necessary if any positive results are to be accomplished. Any action you feel appropriate would be deeply appreciated by their families and freedom-loving citizens everywhere.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Margaret Heckler*

MARGARET M. HECKLER  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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MMH: chb



Betty Ford

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 6, 1975

Dear Mr. Jones:

Mrs. Ford has asked that I convey her thanks for your letter and for your kindness in including the selection of your handcrafted cookie cutters. She is delighted to have these mementos which you designed in commemoration of our Nation's Bicentennial and is especially grateful for the friendship they represent.

Your interest in the license plate for the display you mention is understood and appreciated. In an effort to be helpful, your query has been brought to the attention of the appropriate staff official.

With Mrs. Ford's warm best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy Ruwe  
Social Secretary

Mr. Robert H. Jones  
Henry Ford Museum  
Greenfield Village  
Dearborn, Michigan 48121

cc: Office of the President's Counsel (Mr. Barry Roth) -- with copy of incoming.





April 27, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford:

Inclosed you will find 4 cookie cutters, hand made in my shop at Greenfield Village, Henry Ford Museum. 3 of these cutters are to be used (I hope) for the 1976 Centennial - the other is a Md. "A" Ford Coupe, a 1930 no less (after the 30-30 Club).

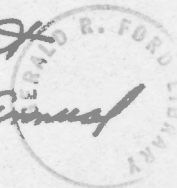
In American history the tinmith played a big part - he was a true pioneer in a new craft, which can be called an original American Idea - because before 1740 every craft came from Europe.

The original name of these items was cake cutters or cake stamps. (Did you ever hear an Englishman have tea and cookies). The word cookie cutter is a modern word, coming into its own about the turn of the century. Look in the old Sears Roebuck Catalogue for 1902 or 4 and see how many 'c's are listed.

If you require any additional cutters for the Centennial please feel free to send me a design and I will gladly make it for you - at no cost.

Another thing I do here at the Village is set up a display of antique auto license plates at the Annual Old Car Festival in the fall.

In 1972 I collected and helped to set up the display of Mich. Auto plates for our Sect. of State Mr. Cautins' office. This display now travels our great state and I am quite proud that my name is on



It as a contributor.

Each year at the Festival - I try to feature something special - Mr. Austin's office each year sends the Mich. Plate for the next year. Our 1976 Mich Plate is a real beauty.

This year I would like to feature U5-1, the plate off the car of our 1<sup>st</sup> Mich. President - I will return the plate as soon as possible after the show, if you wish. Can you please help me - I am truly sincere in this matter. If you wish you can contact Mr. Jim La Rue of the Office of Public Info - Sec. of State, Lansing, Mich. 1-517-373-2520 - He will confirm my interest in Mich Auto License Plate History.

Inclosed is an old copy of the Old Car Show - please note the back page.

Thank You

Robert H. Jones

Tinsmith Henry Ford Museum

Greenfield Village

Dearborn, Mich 48121





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Brenda  
said you  
were  
waiting  
for these

June 11, 1975

Dear Senator:

We are examining the procedures by which the President may designate those charities to which he recommends the Inaugural Medal Committee direct royalties from the sale of inaugural items and the possible tax consequences to the President of such designations. In order to determine whether designated royalties would constitute taxable "income" to the President, it is necessary for us to have additional information regarding the establishment and operation of the Committee. Insofar as possible, we would appreciate your providing us answers to the following questions:

First, was the President's approval for the formation of the Inaugural Medal Committee sought because it was legally necessary for, or financially advantageous to the Committee's operation?

Second, were the commemorative items advertised and promoted as having the President's formal endorsement?

Finally, was the Committee's commitment to let the President designate charities accorded to him for any value received?

Again, my sincere thanks for any guidance which you can provide us with respect to the above-cited questions.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

(S)

William E. Casselman II  
Counsel to the President

Honorable Mark O. Hatfield  
United States Senate 20510  
Washington, D.C.

WEC:bw



MAY 8 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE WILLIAM E. CASSELMAN II  
Counsel to the President

Re: Inaugural Medal and Inaugural Plate.

You have asked our advice concerning the appropriate procedures by which the President may make charitable designations of the royalty proceeds accruing from the sale of the medals and plates marketed in the name of the Inaugural Medal Committee by the Medallie Art Company and The Franklin Mint respectively, and the tax consequences to the President, if any, of such designations.

As to your first question, there is no established procedure for making such designations. We would think that a letter from the President to the Inaugural Medal Committee expressing his preferences would suffice. In light of the tax discussion below, the letter should avoid any implication that the President is directing a disposition of funds to which he has any claim or over which he possesses any legal right of control.

The question as to tax consequences is difficult to answer without a comprehensive knowledge of the facts involved. It is possible, of course, for payment to a third person, even to a charity, to constitute "income" to the President, if that payment is made at the President's request in order to discharge a legal obligation to him, or as compensation for some service or benefit he had rendered or conferred. On the basis of the facts we know, this does not appear to be the situation in the present case; but the matter can be determined with certainty only by discussions with the principals involved. Pending such further investigation, we must condition our opinion upon the accuracy of the following factual premises:

As we understand the situation, the Inaugural Medal Committee was formed with the "approval" of the President to make arrangements for an "Official Presidential Medal". We take it that Presidential approval was sought only because it seemed courteous and appropriate to advise the President of, and obtain his consent to, an enterprise which was being formed by friends and former colleagues to honor his inaugural--and that there was not involved the obtaining of any consent from the President which was legally necessary for, or financially advantageous to, the Committee's operation. (There was, in our opinion, no legal necessity to obtain the President's consent to reproduction of his image or signature. There might have been some financial advantage to the Committee if his "endorsement" was to be featured in the advertising or promotion of the project, but we do not understand that this was intended or occurred.) We presume that the Committee's commitment to let the President designate charities was prompted by similar sentiments--not accorded to him for any value received, but merely out of a sense of appropriateness that any profits from an enterprise meant to honor his inauguration should be given to a charity which he personally favored.

All of the material you have forwarded to us is consistent with the foregoing analysis. The one item which gives us some pause is Senator Hatfield's description of the President's original consent as "going to the re-formation of the Committee to do an Official Presidential Medal". We are not clear on what makes a medal an "official" medal. If the phrase was meant to imply that the medal would be advertised and promoted as having the President's formal endorsement, the premises of our opinion would be eliminated. If the phrase was meant to imply that the President would publicly object to the striking of a commemorative medal by any other group, the same result would follow. The totality of the material you forwarded, however, does not support that view of the matter, and we take it that the "officialness" of the medal merely referred to its issuance by a committee chaired by a United States Senator, and numbering among its members other senators and representatives and a former chairman of the Inaugural Committee. This point in particular, however, might warrant further investigation.



"Gross income" is defined in section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 61. The only portions of the definition which could conceivably be relevant for present purposes are "(1) Compensation for services including fees, commissions and similar items", and "(3) Gains derived from dealings in property." On the factual premises described above, it is clear that neither of these provisions would apply.

The Tax Division of this Department has informally concurred in the above views concerning the tax aspects of this matter. You might wish, however, to consult the Internal Revenue Service in order to place the matter beyond doubt.

Antonin Scalia  
Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legal Counsel

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

*Pres Mrs Ford*

July 16, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SHEILA WEIDENFELD

FROM:

PHILIP BUCHEN

*P.W.B.*

Attached is correspondence regarding a request to use the President's handprint or as an alternative Mrs. Ford's. As you can see, we have declined to bother the President with this matter, but you may find it not inappropriate for Mrs. Ford to comply with this request. If so, kindly advise me promptly because, as you will also notice, the time has already elapsed.

Attachment



July 8, 1975

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your July 1 letter concerning the continuing interest of the Director of Kaleidoscope to obtain a handprint of the President for its display.

I will be pleased to ask that the additional information you have provided be reviewed and we will be back in touch with you as soon as possible.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedlander  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable William J. Randall  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

cc: w/incoming to Philip Buchen for DIRECT or DRAFT REPLY as appropriate. (Attached is copy of all available in Central Files in re previous request)

MLF:EF:VO:vo



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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July 1, 1975

JUL 7 1975

Mr. Max L. Friedersdorf  
Assistant to the President  
for Legislative Affairs  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Friedersdorf:

We are enclosing correspondence from Miss Judy Welch of Independence regarding the request that was made of the White House for the President's handprint for the Kaleidoscope program in Kansas City that has been made possible by Hallmark cards.

Miss Welch is naturally disappointed that the request was declined in view of the fact that the President's participation in this program might be misinterpreted by some.

Since she will be visiting Washington this month and will have the clay substance with her, I thought we might pursue some other possibilities. As you will note Mrs. Ford and the Vice President are mentioned as possible contributors, and I would certainly appreciate any attention your office can give this matter.

I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Wm. J. Randall  
Member of Congress

WJR/map

Enclosures

*P.S. Please have this request if denied, as to the President, it is in the alternative hoped Mrs. Betty Ford or Vice President Rockefeller might be able to furnish a handprint. Mr.*





Copy

December 16, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mildred Leonard

FROM: Phil Buchen

My own feeling is that we respectfully decline the request made in the attached letter from Kathleen Robinson, Associate Director of Kaleidoscope. However, I suggest you talk with Sanford Fox, Extension 2510, to see if he has any overriding reason why this request should be honored. If he does feel strongly in favor of this project, please let me know.

Attachment

PWBuchen:ed

June 18, 1975

Judy Welch  
1719 Sterling, Apt F  
Independence, Missouri 64052

Rep. William J. Randall  
Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

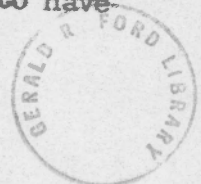
Dear Sir:

I am writing to you on behalf of Kaleidoscope, a non-profit organization for the children of the Kansas City area made possible by Hallmark Cards. Mr. Randall, I am sure you are very informed about the merits of Kaleidoscope and, therefore, thought you could perhaps advise or assist me in my endeavors to obtain President Ford's hand print. The President gave his verbal consent when he was in Kansas City to address the Future Farmers Convention last fall. We are quite sure, due to his busy schedule, he has forgotten about this.

As you can see in the attached copy of a letter written to Ms. Kathleen Robinson, Associate Director of Kaleidoscope, it doesn't appear that follow up letters written by the staff have ever reached the President.

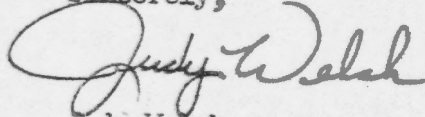
Mr. Randall, I am an employee of Hallmark and also a Kaleidoscope volunteer like many others in the area who give their time to help make this organization work. I am writing to you solely on my own volition and with the knowledge, consent and encouragement of the Directors of Kaleidoscope. I assure you the only intended use of the President's hand print is for the children to see and compare their hand to as has been done with the hand prints of Len Dawson, Nat Archibald, Willie Lanier and others who have done this for us. The President's hand print would be appropriately and tastefully displayed.

I know you are very busy and to some this may seem like a trivial and insignificant thing, but the negative response we have gotten has only encouraged me to try another way to secure this for the children who visit the facilities in Crown Center. If the President's hand print is, "Out of reach" we would be happy to have Mrs. Ford's or the Vice President's.



Please find enclosed pictures, brochures, and letters with further information in them about Kaliedoscope. Thank you for taking this time out of your busy schedule to investigate this situation for me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Welch". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Judy Welch

P. S. I will be in Washington, D. C. July 5 through the 11th. If it would be of any help, I would be able to take with me the clay substance used for this purpose.





THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 30, 1974

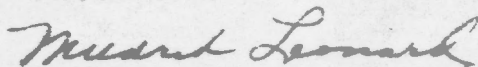
Dear Miss Robinson,

Let me apologize for the delayed response to your request of November 27. However, it was necessary to determine whether or not it would be proper to submit the President's handprint for use in the Kaleidoscope program.

The President's Counsel appreciated your assurance that the sole purpose in obtaining the President's handprint would be for display in the Kaleidoscope children's exhibit. Nevertheless, he has advised that your request should be respectfully declined. It seems that the President's participation in this program might be misinterpreted by some. I trust you will understand.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,



(Miss) Mildred Leonard  
Personal Assistant to  
The President

Miss Kathleen Robinson  
Associate Director  
Kaleidoscope  
P. O. Box 437  
Kansas City, Missouri 64141





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*Mrs. Ford*

July 22, 1975

Dear Mr. Kell:

On behalf of Mrs. Ford, this is in response to your letter of June 2, 1975, regarding statements that have been attributed to her that she is using the drug Laetrile.

Mrs. Ford is under the care and supervision of the White House physician, Dr. William Lukash, who advises that she has not received nutritional therapy. Her treatment since cancer surgery has been 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, and no acceptable scientific evidence has been presented to the Food and Drug Administration that Laetrile has any anticancer effect.

Regarding the story that appeared in the April, 1975, edition of True Magazine, I have brought to the attention of the editor of this magazine that she has neither appeared on a television talk show since her cancer surgery, nor stated that she was using Laetrile. I, therefore, request that you discontinue such statements concerning Mrs. Ford and that you make appropriate corrections with respect to the materials that you distribute regarding Laetrile.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Philip W. Buchen*

Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Mr. George W. Kell  
No. 9 McHenry Village  
1700 McHenry Avenue  
Modesto, California 95350



GEORGE W. KELL  
ATTORNEY AT LAW

No. 9 McHenry Village  
1700 McHenry Avenue  
Modesto, California 95350  
Phone (209) 526-4482

June 2, 1975

Mrs. Betty Ford  
Whitehouse  
Washington, D.C.

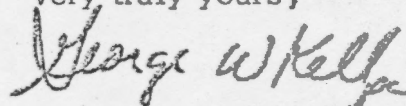
Dear Mrs. Ford:

As an attorney who is actively engaged in the "Laetrile controversy" having successfully defended a number of alleged offenders, I have taken special note of your statement on television that you have been "taking nutritional therapy which wasn't available in the United States."

The phrase "nutritional therapy" was invented by me to describe the nutritional regimen which is offered by my doctor-clients as an alternative to active "lump or bump" cancer therapy. Since then the phrase has evolved into the public domain in that context.

As one who has cancer, I believe that you would be interested to know the basis upon which Laetrile has been, illegally, suppressed by the bureaucracy in this country. I therefore enclose a copy of my letter to Assistant United States Attorney Herbert B. Hoffman, together with attachments.

Very truly yours,



GEORGE W. KELL

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PS: I also have in my possession a copy of the letter of Dr. Dean Burk dated October 4, 1974 discussing non-toxic anti-cancer treatments which was hand delivered to President Ford by the Michigan Congressman (whose name is illegible on my copy).



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June 2, 1975

Assistant United States Attorney  
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U. S. Courthouse  
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: "The illicit medication, most generally known as Laetrile, but also sold under a half dozen other names, including Krebiozen" (sic), as described in your news dispatches.

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

As a former Assistant United States Attorney who was in charge of the office where you are now employed, I can well understand your satisfaction in presiding over a "newsworthy" prosecution. And, since there are now some 15,000 people in the United States using Laetrile on a daily basis, including Mrs. Red Buttons and Mrs. Betty Ford (see Page 26 of True Magazine for April, 1975) among hundreds of other notables, although various governmental agencies erroneously contend that Laetrile is illegal to use in this country, its "newsworthiness" can certainly not be disputed.

But "news" factually reported, is one thing; but, a comparison between a beneficial vitamin such as Laetrile with "the Mexican brown heroin reaching addicts in the United States" is a calculated propaganda smear, vintage a la Goebels/Hitler.

But the general tone of hysteria reflected by your news dispatches is certainly understandable in view of the fact that 10 years ago, through its illegal measures of repression, the State of California had all but eliminated the use of Laetrile here, bringing about its more extended use in Mexico and twenty-two other countries, where it has flourished during the intervening years because of its efficacy, not as a toxic cancer drug, but as a vital food factor which is admittedly capable of reducing pain in cancer cases, and which admittedly has the metabolic capacity to increase appetite, weight, and the sense of well being in the patient suffering from cancer. (Perhaps only one who has seen a patient die of cancer, as I have, can really appreciate the importance of those four advantages.) It is not surprising, therefore, that in





the intervening years Laetrile should again migrate back to its State of origin; particularly, in view of the fact that the use of Laetrile in the "non-treatment" of cancer has never been prohibited, even in California. Because of this latter reason I have been able to successfully defend every Laetrile client represented by me during the past 2 1/2 years. As you are well aware, the most recent court development in California was Judge Sam Cianchetti's dismissal of all charges against Dr. Privitera on the ground that California's principal statute, Sec. 1707 of the Health and Safety Code, is unconstitutional.

Having lost in a total of 10 court proceedings in California in these past 2 1/2 years, and having now had the supposed legal basis for their prosecution cut out from under them, the bunglers in the California Department of Health have now come to you with their sad, sad story, alleging that "Traffic across the Mexican border in the illicit medication...exceeds, in volume, the Mexican brown heroin reaching addicts in the United States." They have absolutely no hope of winning the battle here in California under State law, where the matter ought to be determined once and for all, and so they have come to you with a request that you interdict the pending court actions, also doomed to failure on their part, with a massive federal action.

I called you on the telephone last Friday to offer my full cooperation in your investigation. I hereby reaffirm that offer. On behalf of at least some of the 35 people mentioned in your news release, whom I can only surmise may become clients of mine if your matter proceeds to an indictment, I likewise offer their cooperation. I can categorically state that literally hundreds of Laetrile users and Laetrile proponents would be available, at any time mutually convenient, to appear before your grand jury and give testimony, or to appear informally in your office to candidly discuss their participation in the great, "conspiracy" to save and recover their health.

If you refuse to accept this offer, and proceed further with your investigation without attempting to ascertain the truth, I want you to know what you will be bearing in your conscience in future years, and for that reason I enclose a brief article entitled "The Facts Behind The Laetrile Controversy". I hope that you will not only study it, but that you will study carefully the materials therein referred to, together with a mass of additional research material prepared by outstanding experts not only in this country, but in Germany, the Philippine Islands, Mexico and the Soviet Union.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE W. KELL

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Enc.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 23, 1975

*Ford,  
Mrs. Betty*

Dear Mr. Conley:

The enclosed article appearing on page 26 of the April 1975 edition of True Magazine concerning Mrs. Betty Ford has recently been brought to the attention of this office.

The allegation that Mrs. Ford appeared on a television talk show and stated she was undertaking nutritional therapy is without any basis in fact. Mrs. Ford has not appeared on a television talk show since her cancer operation, nor has she stated that she was using nutritional therapy.

Mrs. Ford is under the care and supervision of the White House physician, Dr. William Lukash, who advises that she has not received nutritional therapy. Her treatment since cancer surgery has been chemotherapy. Mrs. Ford has not taken Laetrile nor does she intend to. This drug has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration, and no acceptable scientific evidence has been presented to the Food and Drug Administration that Laetrile has any anticancer effect.

I trust that you will make the appropriate corrections.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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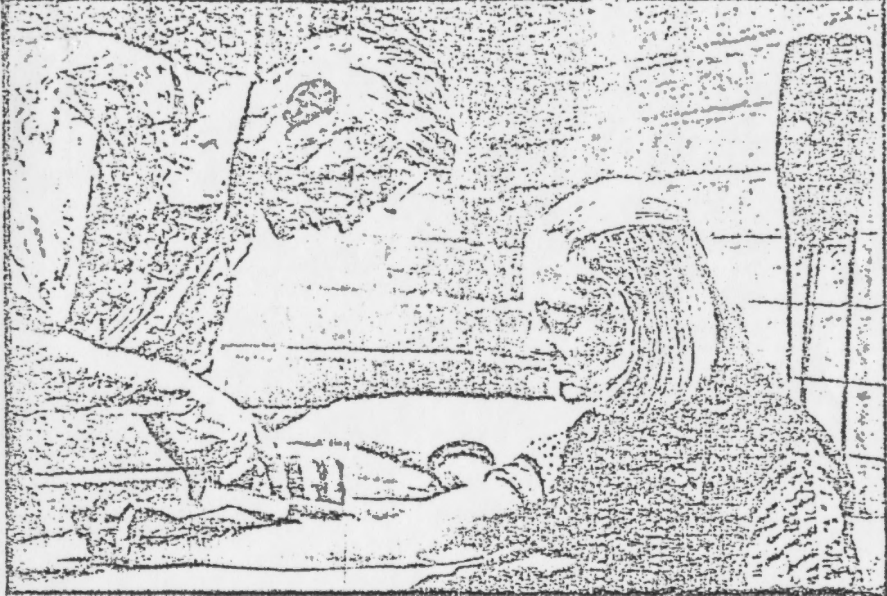


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## Bucking the Anti-Laetrile Laws

Many physicians in the United States are giving Laetrile injections in spite of laws against its use. A few are doing it openly. Dr. Stuart Jones, above, is shown giving a woman a Laetrile injection—despite the fact that he faced a hearing in mid-February in which the California Board of Medical Examiners had accused him on three counts of giving the drug.

Dr. Jones admits that he treated patients with Laetrile during most of 1974, but reluctantly stopped the

“the diagnosis, treatment, alleviation and cure of cancer.” But on February 3, Municipal Court Judge Sam Cianchetti threw out the case in West Covina, ruling that state laws banning Laetrile are unconstitutional. The judge said the state statute banning the drug for cancer treatment was over-broad and interfered with the physician’s right to treat a patient as he believes necessary, a principal enunciated by the U.S. Supreme Court in recent abortion and birth-control de-

fections for clinical trials. The application was rejected by the agency “because of inadequate preclinical animal testing and other deficiencies.” Two subsequent applications (filed by the McNaughton Foundation—see sidebar) met the same fate for the same reasons.

The latter application included a number of case histories provided by Dr. Contreras. The submission was reviewed by a committee of five non-FDA cancer specialists, who found “no acceptable evidence of therapeutic effect to justify clinical trials.” An FDA spokesman familiar with the application described Dr. Contreras’ case histories as “anecdotes in the form of testimonials, without a shred of supporting evidence.”

The same spokesman was asked why the agency didn’t sanction the tests anyway, and settle the controversy once and for all. He replied: “If Laetrile had shown a hint of promise we would have said okay. But without some scientific basis for hope, such as positive animal tests, clinical testing on human beings is unjustifiable.”

Dr. Contreras’ patients often learn of him through the International Association of Cancer Victims and Friends. Founded in 1963 (shortly after Laetrile was outlawed in the states), IACVF is the oldest and largest of three organizations devoted (and that is the word) to the promotion of Laetrile and its Tijuana distributors.

The association was founded by Mrs. Cecile Hoffmann, San Diego,

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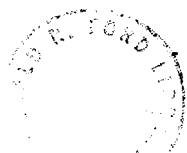
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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHARLES LEPPERT  
FROM: PHIL BUCHEN *P.W.B.*  
SUBJECT: Congressional Wives Cook Book

In view of the charitable nature of the Congressional Wives Club and the past association of the President and the First Lady with this organization, I see no problem in the President's autographing the recipe submitted by Mrs. Ford for inclusion in the 1976 edition of the club's cook book. Since this is Mrs. Ford's recipe, it would make more sense if she autographed the recipe.

If you have additional questions in this regard, please don't hesitate to contact me.

cc: Nancy Ruwe



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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July 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN

THRU:

JACK MARSH  
MAX FRIEDERSDORF  
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FROM:

CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CLJr.*

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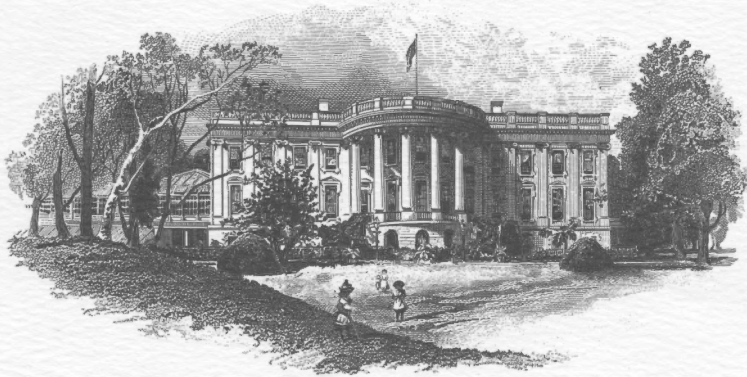
1976 Edition of Congressional Wives  
Cook Book

The Congressional Wives Club is planning a 1976 edition of their cook book for purchase in February or March 1976. When Mrs. Ford was an active member of the Club she submitted the attached recipe entitled, "Liver Deluxe", as one of President Ford's favorite dishes.

For the 1976 edition, the Club is asking if the President will sign the attached recipe which the Club will then reproduce and include in each copy of the 1976 edition. Can the President do this for the Congressional Wives Club which is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization? The Congressional Wives Club Cook Book is sold only through the Club itself and the House of Representatives Stationery Room.

cc: Nancy Ruwe





### LIVER DELUXE

*1 lb. liver, sliced thin  
2 cups brown gravy  
sprinkle of parsley  
dash of salt, pepper*

*1 large onion, sliced thin  
8 pcs. bacon, fried crisp  
1/2 cup flour  
2 Tbsp. butter*

Melt butter in skillet and saute onion. Dredge slices of liver in flour and brown each side. Pour gravy on liver and season with parsley, salt and pepper to taste. Simmer for 2 minutes and arrange on a serving platter. Place bacon on top of liver. Serves 4.

