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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*August 9, 1967*

*Dear Betty:*

*The picture does indeed bring back fond memories of happy hours together. It displays quite an array of pulchritude -- as well as brains.*

*Thank you. I do miss seeing all of you.*

*Fondly,*

*Lady Bird*

*Mrs. Gerald R. Ford  
514 Crown View Drive  
Alexandria, Virginia  
22314*

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Item: Color photograph of First Ladies Betty Ford and Lady Bird Johnson, September 27, 1974.  
The photo is inscribed to Mrs. Ford by Mrs. Johnson.

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Box B3  
"Johnson, Lady Bird"

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For Betty - who shared this special day -  
and added so much pleasure to it -  
September 27, 1974 Affectionately, Lory Bird



L.A. Bird

November 20, 1974

*Stonewall, Texas*

Dear Betty:

I loved the photograph and your letter.  
You sound in such good spirits that you  
lift mine!

With warmest thanks and affection always,

*Lady Bird*



LAQ Ranch

January 13, 1975

*Stonewall, Texas*

Dear Mr. President and Betty,

These past weeks have been especially happy ones for me, surrounded by my two families of children and grandchildren and all of us enveloped in the joyous spirit of the Christmas Season. Friends have a very close part in those feelings, and I cannot begin to tell you how touched and grateful I was for your telephone call wishing me Happy Birthday. In the midst of all the demands on your lives, you were more than kind to remember me.

As we move forward into 1975, please know my hopes and prayers are with you daily. I wish you success and fulfillment in the challenges you meet, and always, that they will bring us closer to a world at peace.

Sincerely,

*Lazy Bird*



KA Ranch

May 15, 1975

Stonewall, Texas

Dear Betty,

The photograph is a delight. It brought back so many happy memories... years of them!

It was wonderful to be with you again, and so reassuring to see you looking radiant and full of vitality.

With affection and warmest wishes,

Sincerely, and fondly  
Lady Bird



November 14, 1975

*Stonewall, Texas*

Dear Betty,

We have just concluded an exciting conference at the Johnson Library on a subject close to your heart. I thought you might like to see the program and the way in which your photograph and quote were used in it.

With warmest wishes and affection,

*Lady Bird*





L.A.G. Ranch

June 29, 1976

*Stonewall, Texas*

Dear Mr. President and Betty,

How delighted I am by your invitation to the State Dinner honoring Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip on July seventh! I accept with the greatest pleasure, and look forward so eagerly to seeing you both again.

With warmest regards,

*Lady Bird*



March 22, 1983

CAF Ranch

*Stonewall, Texas*

Dear Betty,

Here's one more fan letter! Not long ago I came across a mutual friend of our's who told me quite straight-forwardly that she decided to face up to a drinking problem and to overcome it. She is so much more fun to be around these days! She said she had several sweet notes from you and that you had helped her so much.

Cheers and bless you for taking the time!

Affectionately,

*Lady Bird*



May 31, 1984

Stonewall, Texas

Dear Mr. President and Betty,

How very touched I was to read your sweet notes and to receive the gifts you had waiting to welcome me to Grand Rapids! The beautiful Lenox commemorative plate, and the engraved Jefferson cups are absolute treasures. I will love finding the just right place to display them. You make me wish all the more I could have escaped the sick bed! Alas it took two full weeks before that happened.

Lynda and Luci reported in the most glowing terms all the news of the conference and its associated activities -- and, of course, the press coverage was marvelous, too. I know you must be proud of that landmark occasion for the Ford Library, and Betty, I shall hope with you that another such gathering lies ahead.

With a heart full of appreciation for all your kindness, and so many good wishes to you and your family,

Yours truly -  
Lady Bird

JUN 11 1987



L.A. Ranch

*Stonewall, Texas*

June 5, 1987

Dear Betty,

Not only did you bring your own very special insights and inspiration to many of my friends in Austin, your presence here meant so much to me! It was such a joy to be in your company again. You look absolutely radiant!

Thank you for coming to the LBJ Library and for your generous gift of time in visiting the Wildflower Center with me. The wonderful check that followed with your sweet letter is an injection of strength and enthusiasm for me and my co-workers at the Center. They join me in sending deepest thanks.

Since you joined in the preparations for the "spa" weekend benefiting the Center, I thought I might add this small addendum. The food turned out to be a great success, but the skies held only rain, thunder and lightning for most of the six days our guests were here. So much for all the outdoor activities we had planned! It was raining when they arrived, when they departed -- and it is still raining. I'm about to start building an ark!

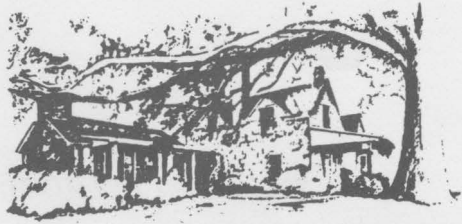
With a heart full of appreciation and affection, and in eager anticipation of your visit in August,

(\*om'tasting luncheon!)

*Lady Bird*

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford  
Post Office Box 927  
Rancho Mirage, California 92270

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FEBRUARY 22, 2001

*Stonewall, Texas*

DEAR MR. BOOP,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTERESTING LETTER ABOUT YOUR PLANS FOR A PROPERTY TRUST FUND FOR THE BETTY FORD CENTER. I APPLAUD YOUR FORWARD-LOOKING EFFORTS, AS I HAVE FOR SO MANY YEARS ADMIRERD THE VITAL WORK OF THE CENTER.

BETTY FORD AND I FORMED A FRIENDSHIP THAT HAD ITS BEGINNING IN THE HALLS OF CONGRESS, SO I HAVE KNOWN HER LONG AND LOVINGLY. HER COURAGE AND COMPASSION ARE LEGENDARY. I WOULD BE EXCEEDINGLY PROUD TO TAKE PART IN THE PROPERTY TRUST FUND, AND I AM HAPPY TO SEND THE ENCLOSED CHECK.

WITH MY EARNEST HOPES THAT YOUR GOAL WILL SOON BE REACHED,

*Ledy Bud Johnson*

MR. JOHN BOOP  
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**DEAR BETTY,**

**WE ARE LIKE TWO SHIPS IN THE NIGHT PASSING EACH OTHER IN HOSPITALS! I'M DISTRESSED TO LEARN YOU ARE HAVING BACK TROUBLES, AND HOPE TO HEAR SOON THAT YOU HAVE RECOVERED. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE EXPECTED TO BE THERE ONLY BRIEFLY, BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT MY LOVING THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE BY YOUR SIDE NOW AND ALWAYS.**

**DEVOTEDLY,  
LADY BIRD**



Cap Rock

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TO:

*Mrs. Gerald Ford*

FROM:

*Lady Bird Johnson*

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*7/11/82*

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*LAQ Ranch*

OCTOBER 16, 2003

*Stonewall, Texas*

**DEAR BETTY,**

**HOW FORTUNATE WE, AS A NATION, ARE TO HAVE SUCH AN EFFECTIVE ADVOCATE AS YOU IN SHEDDING LIGHT AND OFFERING HELP AND HOPE TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY SUBSTANCE ABUSE. YOU ARE A HEROINE TO MANY AND AN INSPIRATION TO ALL.**

**YOUR COURAGE, LEADERSHIP, COMPASSION AND DETERMINATION FILL ME WITH ADMIRATION, DEAR BETTY. I'M SO GLAD AND GRATEFUL TO HAVE SHARED YOUR FRIENDSHIP THROUGH THESE MANY YEARS. IT GIVES ME THE GREATEST PLEASURE TO SEND THIS CONTRIBUTION TO HELP CONTINUE YOUR EFFORTS AT THE BETTY FORD CENTER. MODEST THOUGH IT IS, IT COMES WITH MY HIGH ESTEEM AND MUCH LOVE.**

*Lady Bird Johnson*

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