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NOTES FROM MARIA'S MEETING WITH JEANNE DAVIS AND MARGE WICKLEIN
IN THE SOCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE AT 3:00 PM ON FEBRUARY 24, 1976.

SUBJECT: State Gift Ideas

Maria first explained to Jeanne Davis and Marge Wicklein that the reason she had asked for the meeting was because of Mrs. Ford's concern and unhappiness over the State Gifts that were given by she and the President on their last foreign trip as well as on other occasions.

Many of the basic areas were discussed, such as:

1. What are the policy and procedure guidelines of presenting State Gifts?
2. What have we been giving as State Gifts during the Ford Administration?
3. What are our restrictions and limitations with acquiring State Gifts?

Maria, Jeanne and Marge were ⁱⁿ immediate agreement that the area of State Gifts had been put aside as far as areas of priority concern when planning State Visits and trips abroad. Thus, this being the main reason so little attention being giving to State Gifts. However, it was also mentioned that possibly the reason this has happened is because there are no funds to purchase gifts; therefore, State Department has to rely on donations.

From this meeting, it was decided that the following steps would be taken:

1. Jeanne Davis is going to prepare a memo for General Scowcroft to send to Ambassador Catto asking for three suggestions of State Gifts for each visit that is currently on the calendar, firm and tentative visits.
2. Also, Jeanne Davis said that they would re-implement the old procedure of discussing State Gifts at the Planning Meetings that we have started having once again.
3. The President and Mrs. Ford will be sent a list of suggestions before each State Visit or foreign trip so they may make a selection.

