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BARBARA BUSH

April 24 - 1992

Dear Betty and Jerry - This is a
small love note. You both were so
generous at the Convention and
George and I are forever grateful
to you. When I think of sticking

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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

you with our wonderful, but wild
grandchildren!!!

I can't tell you how much
you added to the Convention.

We are in your debt again.

Most warmly -

Barbara



BARBARA BUSH

April 19 1990

Dear Betty - I am thrilled that you
will serve on the White House
Endowment Fund Honorary Committee..
and I am overwhelmed by your
check. Now that is a first!!

Most warmly - Barbara
Love to Gery!!

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Mrs. George Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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ELIZABETH B. FORD
GERALD R. FORD

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4-16 1990

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PAY TO THE
ORDER OF

WHITE HOUSE ENDOWMENT FUND

\$ 500.00

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO/100

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Palm Springs Private Banking Office 1114
P.O. Box 2262
Palm Springs, CA 92263

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Elizabeth B. Ford
Rancho Mirage, California

April 13, 1990

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With my warmest, best wishes to you and the President,

Betty

Mrs. George Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

THE WHITE HOUSE

April 17: 1989

Dear Betty -

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you that I'd love to see
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Elizabeth B. Ford
Rancho Mirage, California

March 16, 1990

Dear Barbara,

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Thank you for your nice note and the invitation to join you for the Ladies of the Senate luncheon on Monday, May 21st. I would dearly love to be with you, but I have finally talked my darling husband into taking me on a Mediterranean cruise and we depart on May 16th.

I am sorry I can't be with you on this special occasion, but will look forward to seeing you again soon.

Jerry joins me in sending you and the President our warmest, best wishes,

Mrs. Barbara Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

*Betty - Keep up the
great work you
are doing -
You are dearly loved.*



BARBARA BUSH

November 11, 1974

Dear Betty - Just a note. I am so
mad. I forgot to thank you
for the lovely basket of flowers
yesterday. They were right there
in the west livingroom. It was
great to see almost all of you

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford
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Mrs. Gerald R. Ford
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THE WHITE HOUSE

May 17, 1991

Dear Betty,

This is just a note to tell you that the invitation to my luncheon in honor of the Ladies of the Senate-- Wednesday, June 12th at noon at the White House--is on its way to you. It would be a great pleasure if it were possible for you to join us.

With highest hopes and all best wishes,

Warmly,

Barbara

*w'd love it so if you could
come.*

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

THE WHITE HOUSE

April 2, 1991

Dear Betty,

George and I are delighted to join your family and friends in wishing you a very Happy Birthday!

We hope that your special day will offer a chance for reflection of the many contributions you have made to your family and to our nation.

With every good wish,

Warmly,

Barbara

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford
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*You looked wonderful on the
T.V. the other day! Hope to
see you soon.*

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Swimming a mile a day.
What a joy!

Hope to hear you
are coming soon.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

March 9, 1990

Dear Betty,

The most lovely luncheon given by our beloved Ladies of the Senate was held earlier this week, and it is now my great pleasure to invite you to my luncheon in their honor.

It would be a great joy to have you join us here at the White House on Monday, May 21st at noon. This occasion has always been dear to my heart, and it would be truly special were it possible for you to come.

With highest hopes and great affection,

Warmly,

Barbara

Hope you'll join us.
I loved seeing you &
Jerry.

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

Dear Barbara
The luncheon honoring
the Senate Wives on Monday
was a real delight for me
Seeing so many old friends
brought back many happy
memories - Thank you for
including me - It was
such a privilege to be your

Guest - and the Hospitality
was marvelous - even
greater than I've been
reading about - You
Barbara and Mr President
are doing a fabulous job -
Congratulations - our love to you
both - Jerry joins me - Betty

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great work you
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THE WHITE HOUSE

March 28, 1990

Dear Betty,

We recently had the pleasure of announcing the establishment of the White House Endowment Fund under the aegis of the White House Historical Association. The Fund will seek to raise a permanent \$25 million endowment for the White House, the interest of which will be available to be used for refurbishing the public rooms as necessary and for making acquisitions for the public areas of the White House. Our dear and able friend, Mrs. Earle Craig of Midland, Texas, has agreed to chair the Fund and a Board is being assembled presently. This will be a low-key fundraising effort hopefully to be accomplished within the next couple of years. The Endowment Fund will cease its fundraising efforts when the goal is met.

I have accepted the Fund's invitation to lend my name as its Honorary Chairman, and it is my pleasure to invite you and the other living former First Ladies to serve as its Honorary Committee. I hope you will be willing to join us in lending your name to this effort in this way.

George joins me in sending our very best wishes to you and President Ford and our gratitude for your consideration of this invitation,

Warmly,

Barbara

I hope you will want to keep
up this house we love!

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

Elizabeth B. Ford
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Mrs. George Bush
The White House
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

re: Betty Ford invitation
for Nov. 14, 1992

Mrs. Bush,

I did this two ways: 1) an
outright regret for your signature, or
2) a "we'll send it to the President's
side (since it is to you both) for
consideration closer to the time"...

You take your pick! ☺

susan

Z talked to G.B.
and he agreed
on the letter I signed

THE WHITE HOUSE

June 27, 1991

Dear Betty,

George and I so appreciated your lovely letter telling of plans for the tenth anniversary of the Betty Ford Center on Saturday, November 14, 1992. It is hard to believe it could possibly be almost ten years.

In being realistic about it, run or not run, win or lose, I have a feeling that that time period right after the election is going to be a very congested one. Although it breaks my heart to say this, I think you should not count on our being there, but please know we will be with you in spirit.

George joins me in sending our very best wishes,

Warmly,

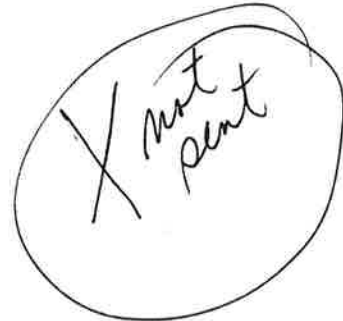
Barbara

I am so proud of all you
have done!

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford
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THE WHITE HOUSE

June 27, 1991



Dear Betty,

Thank you so much for your nice letter telling of plans for the tenth anniversary of the Betty Ford Center on Saturday, November 14, 1992. It is hard to believe it could possibly be almost ten years.

Although--as you know--we do not know what the schedule will bring, I am forwarding your letter to George's staff for consideration as the schedule for that time period develops.

George and I both send our love to you both and our encouragement to all who will be working hard for the tenth anniversary of this wonderful place,

Warmly,

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 27, 1991



MEMORANDUM TO ANDY CARD
KATHY SUPER

FROM: SUSAN PORTER ROSE

SUBJECT: Attached Invitation from Mrs. Gerald R. Ford

The attached invitation for the President and Mrs. Bush to attend the tenth anniversary celebration of the Betty Ford Center on Saturday, November 14th, 1992 in California is forwarded for consideration closer to the date.

Thank you.

SPR - I think we better regret
this - I am sorry, but
Mrs. Gerald R. Ford we have not
even announced
for President

June 6, 1991

yet... I
would think either
way - it is a
warm - polite No

Dear Mr. President and Barbara,

It is sometimes hard for me to believe that the Betty Ford Center will soon be celebrating its tenth anniversary. That "soon" is still over a year away, but as our official dedicators we are anxious to have you consider returning to help with our tenth anniversary celebration. Joining us to celebrate this special occasion would be most meaningful to Jerry, Leonard Firestone and me, as it would for the Center's staff and alumni. Remembering the demands of life in the White House and given the fact that 1992 is an election year, I thought I had better mention this event to you very early.

Elections
June
11/3/92

Our anniversary weekend is traditionally the second weekend in November. For 1992 that would place the big dinner celebration on Saturday, November 14th. After the rigors of the campaign trail perhaps a few days of relaxation in Rancho Mirage would be just what you need. Leonard and Caroline Firestone have volunteered to turn their home over to you for the weekend. With tennis courts and golf courses abounding, Jerry and I would promise to make your stay a very relaxing, undemanding time.

In the almost nine years since you helped us open the doors for our very first patients, the Betty Ford Center has grown and evolved. Over 15,000 patients have graduated from our inpatient program. The campus has expanded, as has the scope of the program we offer.

Please
note

The past several anniversary celebrations have seen the return of over 1200 graduates to our campus. It is a special time as they return to share the joy of the lives they have recovered. The number has been limited to that 1200 figure, only because that is the size of the largest banquet hall in this area.

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The spirit and enthusiasm of the group that gathers to celebrate the Betty Ford Center anniversary and their new lives can not be described in words. It has to be experienced. I dearly hope it is an experience you will allow us to share with you.

Barbara, I so enjoyed being with you for the Ladies of the Senate luncheon a few years ago. I'm sorry that our annual trip to Washington for the Gerald Ford Foundation Board meeting didn't coincide with this year's luncheon. Thank you so much for inviting me to attend. Perhaps the fates will conspire for an overlap of dates in the future.

*Will send
offici.
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With my warmest, best wishes,

Betty

President and Mrs. George H. W. Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500