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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

THE USHER'S OFFICE

and

THE EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE STAFF

The Executive Residence Staff, managed by the Chief Usher's Office, is composed of career federal employees whose principal responsibilities are the operation of the personal household, care and maintenance of the historic Executive Residence and its furnishings, and preparation for Official and Ceremonial Events of the Presidency.

The primary concern of the Usher's Office is insuring the comfort, well-being, and privacy of the First Family and their guests. No one is permitted in the private quarters without the prior approval of the First Family. Residence staff members, who have a special security pass which admits them into the Executive Residence, are allowed in the private quarters to perform assigned tasks at the discretion of the First Family. All other staff has been requested to stop by the Usher's Office to be announced into the private quarters.

There is a complete household staff -- chefs, butlers, maids, housemen, and florists. The staff also includes curators, carpenters, painters, operating engineers, plumbers, and electricians who provide for the operation, maintenance, preservation, and conservation of the Executive Residence, its furnishings, and the White House Fine Arts Collection.

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The staff also furnishes all support required for Official and Ceremonial activities of the Presidency held in the Residence and on the Grounds, including support for White House tours that total over one million visitors per year.

The Executive Residence is a separate agency of the Federal Government and as such receives a specific appropriation from the Congress for the operation and care of the Residence. The Chief Usher is the designated agent for implementing the appropriation. The Executive Residence is not an agency of the White House Office, the Executive Office of the President, or the National Park Service, although we work closely with each of these agencies.

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## FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE

On the staff are an Executive Chef, three assistant chefs, and a Pastry Chef. To insure quality and control, they are responsible for all food preparation in the Executive Residence.

There is a Maitre d' and a butler staff that is responsible for all food and beverage service in the Residence. They work on a shift basis, providing service as required. Additional part-time butlers are hired for larger functions.

All food and beverages are purchased from wholesale markets that have been cleared as suppliers by the Secret Service. The First Family reimburses the Government for the food and beverages consumed by them and their personal guests. Personal items (toilet articles, cosmetics, etc.) and dry cleaning, which is sent out, are expenses to be borne by the First Family. We can and do arrange for any personal services required from non-government sources. Traditionally, an itemized monthly statement of personal expenses has been presented to the First Lady for her approval.

Customarily, the chefs have provided the First Family with a weekly personal menu schedule for their approval and comments. Currently, the chefs have been requested to forego this procedure and meals are planned without benefit of weekly menus. The chefs are prepared to provide whatever menu planning system is desired.

## REDECORATING

The second and third floor rooms of the Residence are considered Family Quarters. Redecoration of these areas is at the complete discretion of the President and the First Lady. There is a special appropriation of \$50,000 available that is traditionally given, by the Congress, for an incoming administration to redecorate the Family Quarters.

There is an immediate need for new draperies and bed hangings, if a canopy bed is preferred for the First Family Bedroom. We can assist with fabric samples and suggested design if desired. Redecoration of the Family Quarters has, on occasion, been accomplished with government personnel. In most instances, however, First Families have relied on "outside" decorators they have worked with in the past. Traditionally, the government pays only the personal expenses of the decorator.

Currently, all of the rooms are completely furnished and there is a limited selection of additional pieces of furniture in our warehouse. A tour can be arranged as desired.

Executive Order 11145, issued in March 1964, established the "Committee for the Preservation of the White House." Its responsibility is to advise the President on changes to the principal public rooms on the ground and first floors of the Residence. Additionally, the White House Historical Association is in the process of raising a twenty-five million dollar endowment fund for the Executive Residence and its furnishings. (More information available.)

## FIRST FAMILY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Located on the South Grounds are a tennis court with ball machine, a partial basketball court with backboard and net, and a synthetic turf putting green with nine holes.

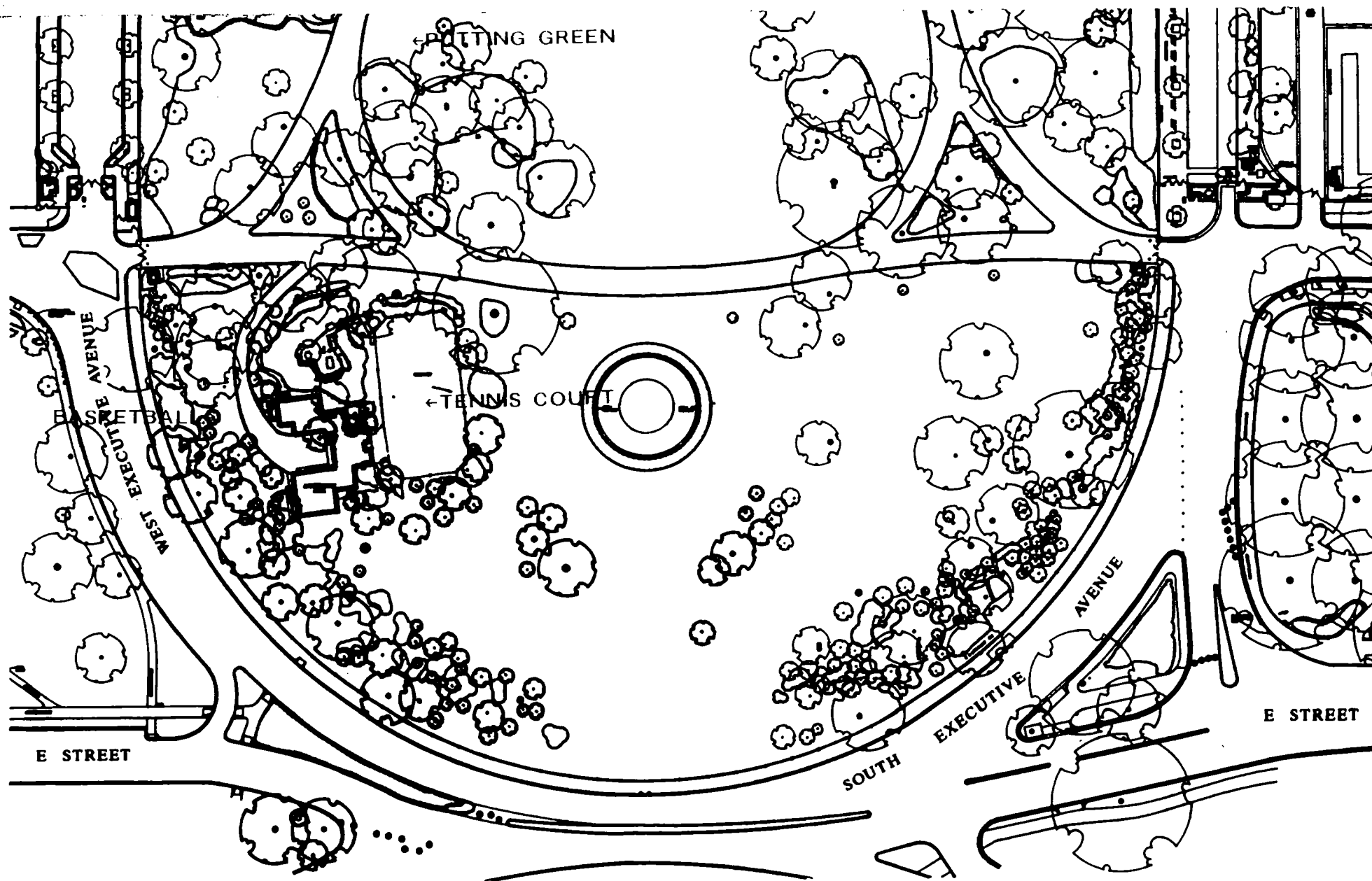
An outdoor swimming pool is located south of the West Wing; electric water heaters can maintain a comfortable water temperature during all seasons. Next to the pool is a cabana with dressing rooms, showers, stairmaster exerciser, and a sauna. Adjacent to the swimming pool is a horseshoe pitching area.

There is a family theater immediately adjacent and connected to the Residence, located in the colonnade leading to the East Wing, which seats 51 comfortably. The theater is outfitted with new 35 mm and 16 mm projection equipment and a new sound system; electricians on the staff act as projectionists when required. We work with the Motion Picture Association to obtain films. The theater is also equipped with a large screen television and video tape player.

The Executive Residence has cable television service and the White House Communications Agency provides routine video tape recordings of all news and Presidential activities, and upon request, will tape any television broadcast.

A one-lane bowling alley with automatic pin setter is adjacent to the Residence. Arrangements will be made to have measurements taken to custom fit bowling balls if desired.

A billiards/ping-pong table, treadmill, and weight training equipment are located on the third floor of the Residence.

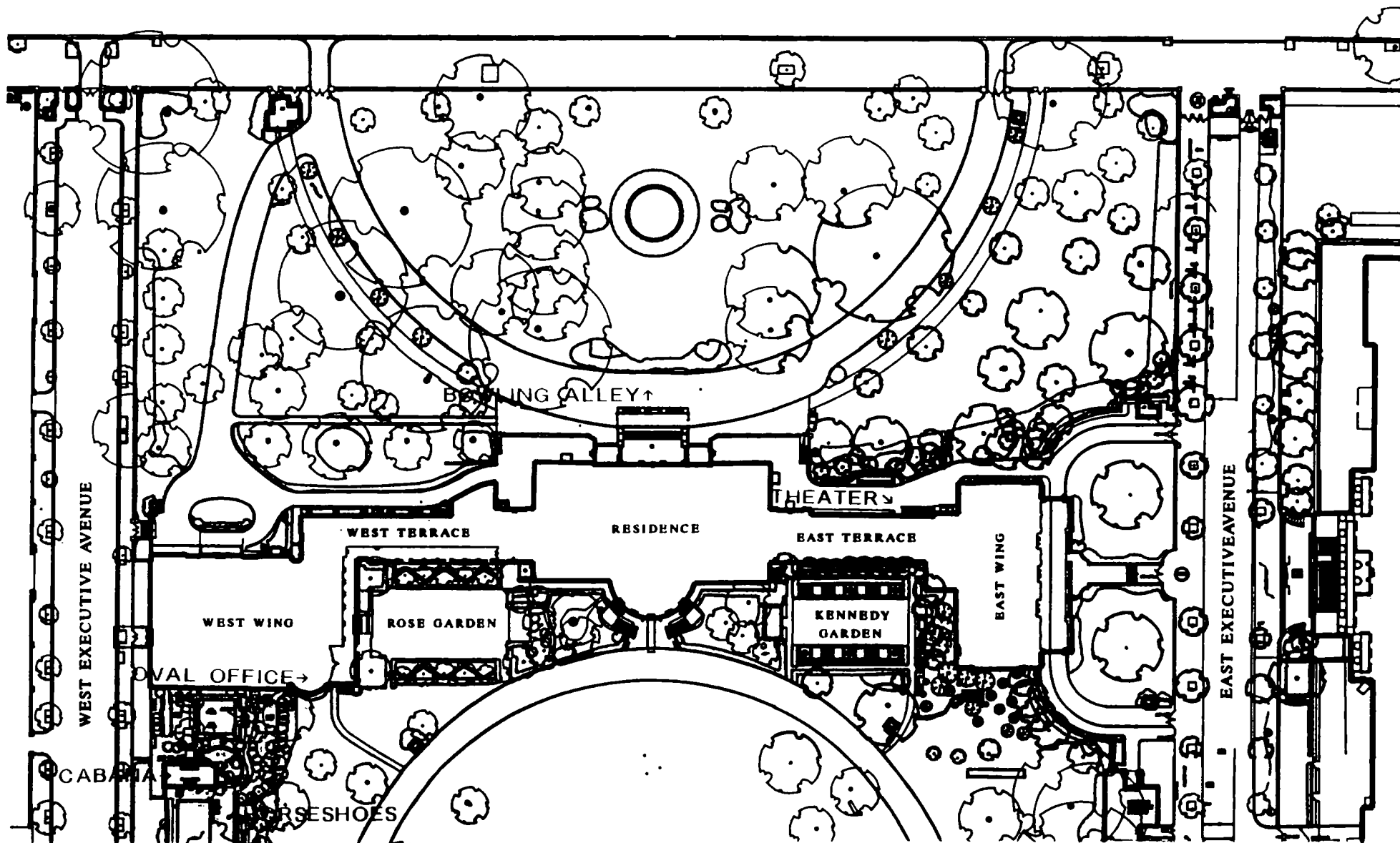


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# FAMILY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES THE WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS

EVENT:

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE



## PETS

Over the years, First Families have had a variety of pets-- including dogs, cats, ponies, parakeets, canaries, fish, etc. Provisions can be made for any of these.

## MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

(1) The Exterior Restoration Project has been funded by Congress for removal of the 32 identifiable coatings on the exterior walls of the Residence and for restoration of the stone carvings and walls. Planning for this project began in 1976. This is the first time in the two hundred years of the White House that all the paint has been removed from the stone walls. The project has progressed slowly, but basically on schedule. All of the paint has now been removed and stone restoration work continues. The restoration will continue during the next two years. The stone work on the north side of the Residence is completed and that surface has been repainted. The south side is now two-thirds completed and will be finished by the summer of 1993. The west and east sides have had paint removed but stone restoration has not begun on these surfaces.

This project causes minimal disruption of activities but does provide constant low volume noise, during the work day, from the stone chipping and carving equipment. It also requires some windows to be obstructed with scaffold for short periods of time.

(2) The heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems in the Residence are undergoing planned renovation. The systems are now forty years old and well past their normal life expectancy. Repair parts are no longer available and maintaining good control of temperature and humidity has become difficult. This project has been under study for twelve years and will cause some disruption to the activities in the Residence, although major systems will be replaced when the Residence is not occupied. It is anticipated that this project will be completed in three years. Early discussion of this project is necessary to provide guidance for the planning group and the contractors.

(3) Over the past eight years, the United States Secret Service has worked in cooperation with the Chief Usher and the National Park Service to provide and install protective windows that cause minimal alteration to the historic character of the Executive Residence. The installation of these ballistic resistant windows and their massive framework is very disruptive and requires extensive alteration to the Executive Residence. Over the last five years, window installation has taken place during the summer, while the Congress is in recess and at the time of Presidential vacations. Each window takes approximately five days to install. This is a security project and the installation is completed by a private contractor. Early discussion of the problems presented by this project needs to take place to develop schedules and priorities.