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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 11, 1981

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January 28, 1981

Mrs. Nancy Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mrs. Reagan:

Each administration receives hundreds of thousands of suggestions. I would like to offer the following based on my experience as a Republican, as a museum director and on my work with Presidential Libraries and Museums and the Smithsonian.

Each President exchanges Head of State gifts with foreign leaders. In modern times, the public forms part of its perceptions of a Presidency in history by these gifts. Thus, sooner, rather than later, you might wish to consider the questions of Presidential Head of State gifts and a Reagan Presidential Library. An examination of those in the collections of the Smithsonian and the various Presidential Museums shows there are museum quality items as well as a good deal of junk. Most of the latter is collected because little thought has been given to the contents of a Presidential Museum.

I would like to suggest that the Reagan administration gather samples of America's finest art and native crafts to exchange with foreign leaders. These gifts include art glass, paintings, porcelains, ceramics, historical folk art or toys, Indian items, and textiles. They would be drawn from all sections and people's of America. The presentation of such Head of State gifts would enhance American awareness of the Reagan administration's concern for the arts.

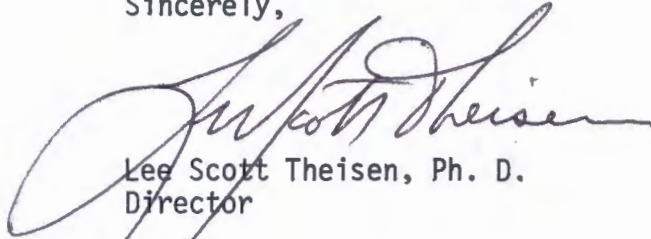
Thus, the opportunities would be two fold. For a woman of your obvious discriminating taste, this program would enable you to leave your imprint on American arts. Politically, it would enable the administration to develop yet another patronage arm, something I learned the importance of as a Legislative Assistant to former Congressman Fred Schwengel (Republican, Iowa). It would present an opportunity to strengthen and widen the administration's ties with each state.

There would be a three tiered structure. In each state, a board could be appointed by the President with the aid of that state's Republican Senators, or if so desired, a Democratic Senator. Thus, a political, but seemingly non-political reward. I would suggest creating a board made up of historians, museum administrators, art supporters, and friends of the administration, rather than using existing arts councils. The group would be responsible for screening possible choices for gifts. Above them would be a regional board which would

be additional appointees who would screen state nominations. At the top would be a national panel, who would, along with the First Lady, choose the final gifts as they were needed. The President would not need to be involved until this stage. The selection for a foreign leader could be the occasion for a meeting of the artist with the First Family. There might be regular showings of items at the regional level which were deemed worthy, but were not chosen as final gifts. These might be used in other presentations. The object of all this would be to strengthen America's arts and native crafts. It would also provide a coherent theme for the gifts and end the public impression of Democrats being the only ones interested in the arts.

In turn, foreign leaders would be encouraged to present the President with the outstanding examples of art and native craft items from their own country. These, plus representative pieces of the American arts selection from the final judging would be set aside for the Reagan Museum. Such American and foreign pieces would offer the Museum visitors a broad international experience. The Reagan Library and Museum would quickly develop an outstanding collection of museum artifacts which could not be matched in any other Presidential Library and indeed, in few other national museums. It would represent an enduring monument to the thought and taste of the President and First Lady.

Sincerely,



Lee Scott Theisen, Ph. D.
Director
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
March 26, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR FRANK LILLY

FROM: *ml* MARY LAWTON

SUBJECT: Citations relevant to outline of gift policy

1. None
2. P.L. 95-521, sec. 202(a) (2)
3. P.L. 95-521, sec. 202(a) (2); 18 USC 201, 209; 5 USC 7251;
E.O. 11222 sec. 201; 3 CFR 100.735-14
4. None
5. None
6. None
7. None

Gifts from foreign officials are covered by 5 USC 7342; 22 USC 2690; 22 CFR 3.5; 41 CFR 101-49.

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Subject: Further correspondence regarding gift to President of J²M Shoes

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- V - Telephone
- X - Miscellaneous
- Y - Study

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 25, 1981

Dear Bill:

I have your letter of October 29, 1981, that reiterates your request to present the President with a pair of Johnston and Murphy shoes. Let me elaborate on the reasons why we continue to feel your request should not be granted.

Normally, gifts to the President from a friend, as you suggest in the last paragraph of your letter, may be accepted. This is true, however, only if the personal relationship between the giver and the President is the motivating factor for the gift. In your previous letter, you make it clear that the motivation for this gift is your desire to perform a favor for an ex-client.

As to corporate gifts, the policy is, generally, to accept no such gifts whatever. This policy is especially rigid when the corporation seeking to make the gift has an interest that may be affected by the performance of the President's duties. The domestic shoe industry clearly has an interest that may be affected by, among other things, the President's decisions on international trade policies.

The above two guidelines have been in effect at least since 1966 when President Johnson issued Executive Order 11222, and they are also consistent with Federal Election laws regarding political contributions. Another long-standing policy of this and previous Administrations is that the President will not be associated in any fashion with promotional, advertising or marketing activities on behalf of any commercial product.

In your previous letter, you state that the proposed gift by GENESCO would be "a source of corporate pride, but it is NOT something that is in any way commercialized or used in their advertising." What I'm sure you're not aware of is that within the past few weeks advertising has been heard on at least one local radio station claiming that "every President for 150 years" has worn Johnston and Murphy shoes. Clearly, by now accepting a pair of Johnston and Murphy shoes, the President would be giving credence to that claim and would be associating his office with advertising activities on behalf of a commercial product.

The gift of the Tony Lama cowboy boots to which you refer in your letter did receive some unfortunate publicity that indicated the boots were a gift from the manufacturer. The fact is, however, that the boots were a personal gift from a long-time friend of the President.

Bill, it is with personal regret that I came to the decision to deny your request, but it is just such publicity as that arising out of the gift of the boots that I am hoping to avoid. I know you will understand the reasons for this decision and the policies behind it that, after all, are designed to protect the integrity of the President and the Presidency.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Mr. William E. Timmons
Timmons and Company, Inc.
1850 K Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20006

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 24, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: CHRISTOPHER HICKS 

SUBJECT: Bill Timmons' Request

Attached is a reply to Bill Timmons with a revised second page incorporating your changes.

I finally did talk to Dave Fischer. He agreed completely with our effort to discourage gifts -- even bona fide personal gifts.

By the way -- a bit of Presidential trivia here -- according to Dave, President Reagan must have all his shoes custom made because of foot problems.

Attachment

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1981

*C.H. - your letter -
we should address
the "boot" issue*

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: CHRISTOPHER HICKS *CH*
SUBJECT: Bill Timmons' Request

*Asst. pls -
Also add "personal
requests I come
to discuss, but
know you will
understand"
Thanks
J.*

Attached is a proposed reply to Bill Timmons latest missive regarding his request to give the President of a pair of Johnston and Murphy shoes.

for shoes

My delay in getting a response back to you is that I was ~~trying to find out what Timmons was talking about~~ when he made reference to a gift of cowboy boots in California. Although Dave Fischer has still not called me back to confirm, it is my understanding from Mary Lawton that the President ordered and intended to pay for the boots in question. Apparently, when the president of the boot company delivered the boots personally to President Reagan, he refused to accept the President's payment.

Attachment

TIMMONS AND COMPANY, INCORPORATED
1850 K STREET, N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006 (202) 331-1760

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OCT 29 1981
for ASHP
anyone

October 29, 1981

WILLIAM E. TIMMONS
President

TOM C. KOROLOGOS
*Vice President and
Director of Legislative Affairs*

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MICHAEL L. REED
*Vice President and
Secretary*

JOHN M. NUGENT, JR.
Vice President

HOWARD G. PASTER
Vice President

MICHAEL J. BATES
Director of Research

Dear Fred:

Thanks for your October 16th letter with the disappointing news on White House policy regarding gifts.

As you know, every other President in modern history has worn American-made J & M shoes, and I regret this President may break the chain. This is also puzzling in light of recent publicity surrounding a gift of cowboy boots to the President on the West Coast. I believe they were handmade and probably very valuable!

Fred, as an alternative, could I purchase a pair of J & M shoes and send them to him as a personal, non-corporate gift?

Sincerely,

Bill

William E. Timmons

The Honorable Fred Fielding
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

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WASHINGTON

October 16, 1981

Dear Bill:

Greg Newell has referred your letters of September 2, 1981, and March 18, 1981, to me for a response.

I am sorry to have to tell you that we cannot grant your request, made on behalf of GENESCO, to present the President with a pair of Johnston and Murphy Shoes. I certainly hope this doesn't cause you any inconvenience, Bill, but since we would have no control over the possible commercial use of the presentation by GENESCO, which as you say is no longer a client of yours, I am sure you can understand the reason for our decision.

On behalf of the President, please pass on my appreciation to GENESCO for their kind offer.

Very truly yours,

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WASHINGTON
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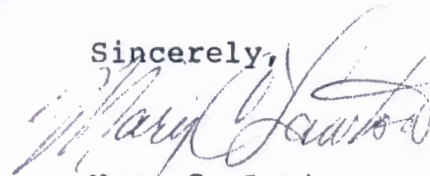
Dear Madam Ambassador:

Enclosed, as you requested, are materials concerning the law and policy relating to acceptance of gifts. Specifically I have included:

1. The Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act with accompanying instructions from the Department of State.
2. The GSA regulations on disposal of foreign gifts with an October 20, 1981 amendment redefining "minimal value."
3. The provisions of the Ethics in Government Act applicable to the Executive Branch, with subsequent amendments.
4. The Ethics Act report form (SF 278) with instructions on reporting.
5. Executive Order 11222.
6. The White House Standards of Conduct.
7. The White House Staff Manual summary of gift law and policy.
8. A recent White House staff memorandum concerning gifts.

I hope these materials are helpful. If I can be of further assistance please call on me.

Sincerely,



Mary C. Lawton
Administrative Law Officer

x
Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick
U.S. Mission to the United Nations
799 United Nations Plaza
New York, New York 10017

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 8, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR WHITE HOUSE STAFF

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING 
Counsel to the President

SUBJECT: Holiday Season Reminder on Gift Policy
*(re gifts received by STAFF FOR
Themselves & For President & First Lady)*

With the advent of the Holiday season, it is especially important for you to review White House policy regulating the receipt of gifts. This memorandum summarizes and supplements material contained in the Staff Manual.

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- o has an interest which would be substantially affected by the staff member's performance of official duties.

If such a gift is received by a staff member either at the office, or at home, the staff member has the obligation to return it to the donor with the explanation that it cannot be accepted. A copy of the letter returning the gift should be retained in your files with a copy to this Office. If for some reason you feel you cannot return the gift (donor unknown, the address of donor unknown, or other) you should advise this Office. If, after analysis, it is confirmed that return is not possible, the gift should be turned over to the Counsel's Office for disposal, with an accompanying memorandum explaining the rationale for not returning the item. Of course, these prohibitions apply to your spouse and immediate household as well.

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Gifts from family and relatives may, of course, be accepted.

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Unsolicited advertising and promotional materials of nominal value may be accepted even if they come from individuals or businesses having business with or regulated by the government. This only extends to such customary items as desk calendars, pens, pocket diaries, etc.; however, by way of example, this rule would not permit acceptance of a case of cognac, a piece of furniture, or other items of substantial value.

Reporting Requirements

In addition to the recordkeeping set forth above, those staff members required to file financial disclosure reports (SF 278) are reminded that they have an obligation to report certain gifts received from persons other than relatives. Any gift over \$100 in value must be reported. Also gifts over \$35 in value must be reported if the aggregate of such gifts received from the same source within a year totals over \$100. Thus, it would be prudent to make a record of all gifts valued over \$35 which you receive so that you can determine, at reporting time, whether there is a reporting requirement. Please note that the \$35 reporting limit is not related to the issue of whether a gift may be accepted. The propriety of accepting any gift must be determined without regard to its value, except as provided herein.

Gifts from Foreign Governments or Officials

The United States Constitution and a federal statute generally prohibit government officials from accepting gifts from foreign governments or from foreign multinational organizations. The following general guidelines obtain:

Gifts valued at under \$140 may be accepted and retained by the official (note that this is a recent increase in the definition of minimal value for these purposes), unless the acceptance would otherwise violate the regulations pertaining to domestic gifts. These gifts must be reported as any other gift.

Gifts that are valued at \$140 or more become the property of the United States. They should be turned over as soon as possible and within sixty (60) days to the White House Gift Unit for recording and the necessary reporting to the General Services Administration.

Gifts for the President or First Lady

Under no circumstances should a staff member accept such a gift intended for the President or the First Lady without first checking with this Office. Any member of the staff who receives a gift intended for the President or the First Lady should ensure that it goes through the security unit before entering the complex. It should then be immediately delivered to the White House Gift Unit so that it can be properly recorded and a decision made as to its disposition.

A Word of Caution

It is an unfortunate, but necessary, reminder that staff members should be particularly cautious about gifts of consumables, and about packages delivered at home. The Secret Service makes it a practice to destroy consumables received at the White House unless both the donor and the source are personally well known. Likewise, all packages and letters received at the White House by mail or delivery are scanned to make sure they are not hazardous. If you receive a package at home from a source not personally known to you, please take it to Room 45 OEOP, for scanning before opening or before turning it over to the Counsel's office. Under no circumstances should you bring it into the complex without such screening.

Additional Questions

This memorandum is necessarily summary and does not deal with all questions that may arise. If you are in doubt about the propriety of accepting any gift please consult with the Counsel's Office.

Copy to Alon Raul 9-22-87

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Reporting Requirements

In addition to the recordkeeping set forth above, those staff members required to file financial disclosure reports (SF 278) are reminded that they have an obligation to report certain gifts received from persons other than relatives. Any gift over \$100 in value must be reported. Also gifts over \$35 in value must be reported if the aggregate of such gifts received from the same source within a year totals over \$100. Thus, it would be prudent to make a record of all gifts valued over \$35 which you receive so that you can determine, at reporting time, whether there is a reporting requirement. Please note that the \$35 reporting limit is not related to the issue of whether a gift may be accepted. The propriety of accepting any gift must be determined without regard to its value, except as provided herein.

Gifts from Foreign Governments or Officials

The United States Constitution and a federal statute generally prohibit government officials from accepting gifts from foreign governments or from foreign multinational organizations. The following general guidelines obtain:

Gifts valued at under \$140 may be accepted and retained by the official (note that this is a recent increase in the definition of minimal value for these purposes), unless the acceptance would otherwise violate the regulations pertaining to domestic gifts. These gifts must be reported as any other gift.

Gifts that are valued at \$140 or more become the property of the United States. They should be turned over as soon as possible and within sixty (60) days to the White House Gift Unit for recording and the necessary reporting to the General Services Administration.

Gifts for the President or First Lady

Under no circumstances should a staff member accept such a gift intended for the President or the First Lady without first checking with this Office. Any member of the staff who receives a gift intended for the President or the First Lady should ensure that it goes through the security unit before entering the complex. It should then be immediately delivered to the White House Gift Unit so that it can be properly recorded and a decision made as to its disposition.

A Word of Caution

It is an unfortunate, but necessary, reminder that staff members should be particularly cautious about gifts of consumables, and about packages delivered at home. The Secret Service makes it a practice to destroy consumables received at the White House unless both the donor and the source are personally well known. Likewise, all packages and letters received at the White House by mail or delivery are scanned to make sure they are not hazardous. If you receive a package at home from a source not personally known to you, please take it to Room 45 OEOB, for scanning before opening or before turning it over to the Counsel's office. Under no circumstances should you bring it into the complex without such screening.

Additional Questions

This memorandum is necessarily summary and does not deal with all questions that may arise. If you are in doubt about the propriety of accepting any gift please consult with the Counsel's Office.

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MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

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SUBJ: Foreign Gifts Act/Minimal Value

Attached is a page from the Federal Register amending the Foreign Gift Act regulations to raise the definition of "minimal value" to \$ 140. Accordingly, federal employees may now retain gifts from foreign officials assessed at or below this level.

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