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**WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET**

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Name of Correspondent: Leah Fink

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Subject: Expresses concern about the loneliness of the Lipizzaner Stallion

ROUTE TO:

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 16, 1983

Dear Ms. Fink:

Your letter of January 20, 1983 to the President regarding the Lipizzaner stallion has been referred to me for response.

Although your concern for the welfare of the stallion is most appreciated, please be advised that neither the President nor the United States government own the horse. Accordingly, decisions regarding its care are not the President's to make. I recommend that you direct any further questions regarding the animal to the Austrian Embassy.

Thank you for your kind expression of concern.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Ms. Leah Fink
5900 Arlington Avenue
Riverdale, NY 10471

FFF:DBW/kl
FFFfielding ✓
DBWaller
Subj.
Chron.

Deanna:

Karna Small

sent this directly
to us.

5900 Arlington Avenue
Riverdale, N.Y. 10471
January 20, 1983

.31305 CEE

Mr. Ronald Reagan
President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Reagan

Last month you were honored with the presentation of
a 12 year old performing Lipizzaner horse,
maestro Blanca of Viena's Spanish Riding School.
Perhaps this sounds strange, in the midst
of all the turmoil and violence in our land,
as all over the world. But loneliness hits
all people at sometime --- and animals feel
that sense, too.

I refer to the Lipizzaner horse who was
presented to you, who was taken away
from the group of horses with whom he
performed --- his own group of friends,
now he stays alone at a farm ---

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given work out alone - no longer doing what
he has been trained to do - to perform as part
of a group. I wonder if his aloneness
may in time rob his robust spirit.
Is it fair to do this to such a wonderful
animal?

If he is still at the Mayland farm
is it ~~not~~ possible somehow to have him
returned to his own performing group?

I know you care about horses.
All animals are of concern to me, and so
the time to write this letter is as
important to me as pursuing the country
is to you.

Cordially yours
Leah Fink

N.Y. Post

DECEMBER 2, 1982

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K! *Insights and anecdotes from
N. Y. Post critics' notebooks*

**Which horse
that horse?**

A HORSE is a horse of course, unless you're the President and the horse is a Lipizzaner.

As everybody should know, Mr. Reagan was recently presented in a dramatic ceremony on the White House lawn with a fully mature, 12-year-old performing Lipizzaner horse, Maestoso Blanca of Vienna's aristocratic Spanish Riding School. Its name indicates its specific noble lineage dating back more than 400 years. The Lipizzaners return Tuesday for four more days at Madison Square Garden.

Shortly after receiving

the horse our President was observed in California riding a snowy white specimen looking remarkably like Maestoso Blanca — whose nickname is Amadeus. (The story goes round that when the Mozart music to which the horses "dance" was played to Maestoso Blanca, his spirit and his legs seemed to quicken, hence the nickname.)

Alas, Reagan's recent mount was not Maestoso — or Amadeus — who was having a lonely momentary work-out at the Dressage Dedication Farm of Helene Clifford in Sykesville, Md., where the Lipizzaners were guests when they first arrived here. But at least it was not a horse of another color.

— HARRIETT
JOHNSON

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 5, 1983

File copies
(orig. stamp
attachments)

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM H. COLDIRON
SOLICITOR
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

FROM: RICHARD A. HAUSER ~~RAH~~
DEPUTY COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Letter from Charles Wilson about
"The President's Acre" Cemetery

Attached is a copy of a somewhat unusual letter to the President, whose author contends that in 1817, one of his ancestors deeded a cemetery near Lancaster, Ohio to President James Monroe, which gift has supposedly been "accepted" by each new President until recent times.

Our office has learned that Mr. Wilson and others have sent similar letters to other recent Presidents, including Lyndon Johnson, and have been advised that the cemetery is neither owned by the Government nor a part of the national cemetery system. I have repeated that advice in my response to Wilson, a copy of which is also attached. Unidentified literature found in the Johnson Presidential Library does describe this cemetery, however, as "The President's Acre."

I am forwarding Wilson's letter and our response both because this may be of some passing interest to you, and because we have suggested to Wilson that any further questions he may have are probably best directed to your office. I don't think you need write to him, though, unless and until he gets in touch with you. Thank you.

Attachments

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Subject
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 5, 1983

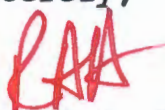
Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you for your letter to the President requesting that he "accept" the cemetery that you believe was conveyed by one of your ancestors to President James Monroe in 1817 and that, to quote your letter, "until about 7 years ago was accepted by each new President after inauguration."

In looking into this matter, we learned that this identical question has been raised in correspondence to other recent Presidents, including in a letter you wrote to President Lyndon B. Johnson over fourteen years ago, in December 1968. As I believe you have previously been advised, this cemetery is neither owned by the Government nor a part of the national cemetery system. Hence, the Government cannot assume any responsibility for its maintenance or upkeep, and the President cannot honor your request that he "accept" the cemetery.

If you have any further questions about this matter, I suggest you direct them to the Office of the Solicitor, United States Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240. Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,



Richard A. Hauser
Deputy Counsel to the President

Mr. Charles Wilson
7420 West 83rd Street
Los Angeles, California 90045

bcc: William H. Coldiron

RAH:PJR 7/2/83
cc: RAHauser ✓
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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 2, 1983

FOR: RICHARD A. HAUSER

FROM: PETER J. RUSTHOVEN *PJR*

SUBJECT: Letter from Charles Wilson about
"The President's Acre" Cemetery

The particular denizen of my rapidly emptying kennel is, as you will readily infer from the subject line, one of the more unusual ever to plant its wagging tail in my in-box. It is also one of the more ancient and, much as I hate to do so, it seems time to put a leash on this creature and lead it across West Executive Avenue to your office (particularly since dogs age approximately five times as rapidly as does an Associate Counsel to the President).

Mr. Wilson claims that his ancestor Nathaniel Wilson "conveyed a private family cemetery near Lancaster, Ohio to the President of the United States on October 24, 1817." Wilson also advises the President "that until about 7 years ago this cemetery was accepted by each new President after inauguration [sic], and that his "family would appreciate you [sic] continuing the tradition and accepting the cemetery."

Karen Whitney, who was commissioned by yours truly to learn what she could about this matter, discovered that Wilson and a few other individuals have written with some regularity to occupants of the Oval Office and their subordinates seeking Governmental acceptance and confirmation of this historic and munificent conveyance. Karen specifically obtained from the Lyndon Baines Johnson Memorial Library copies of correspondence on this very issue, in which Associate Special Counsel to the President W. DeVier Pierson (best known, as you may recall from various OLC memoranda on Executive privilege, for his well-documented refusal to testify before the Congress) learned that the Wilson family's interest in this matter apparently includes (aside from an understandable desire for whatever fame may be derived from its ancestor's action) an equally understandable desire that the Government assume the responsibility for maintenance of this historic, if somewhat morbid, real estate. Pierson also learned that the cemetery is neither owned by the Government nor a part of the national cemetery system. Copies of these Johnson documents (including a photocopied page from an unidentified book describing the cemetery as "The President's Acre" and "America's Strangest Landmark") are attached for your information and edification.

In checking with the Department of Interior, Karen found nothing to contradict the advice rendered by the Johnson White House. Therefore, in keeping with our desire to show deference, to the extent appropriate, to the views even of Democrat predecessors on matters affecting the institution of the Presidency, I think we should respect and reflect Pierson's conclusions in our own reply to Mr. Wilson. I also recommend that we indicate that any further inquiries he may have on this matter be directed to the Solicitor's Office at the Interior. Finally, I think we should advise the Solicitor of this letter and our response, so he will have a head start on the matter when Wilson writes to him.

Attached for your review and signature are (1) a letter to Wilson, with blind copy to Interior Solicitor William Coldiron, and (2) a short memorandum for Coldiron forwarding copies of Wilson's letter and our reply.

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Peter,

Here is info on the Wilson
cemetery that the LBJ
library sent me.

KW.

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December 19, 1968

President L. B. Johnson
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is a little stone walled cemetery three miles southwest of Lancaster, Ohio, that was given to President Madison by Rev. Nathaniel Wilson, my (four greats) grandfather. Rev. Wilson, a Presbyterian minister, was greatly concerned about the life and death of his people, much as you are. Could you tell me whether the cemetery is still being handed down from President to President? Who should I contact to learn more of its present status?

Sincerely yours,

Charles Wilson

Charles H. Wilson
7420 West 83rd St.
Los Angeles, Calif. 90045

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August 3, 1967

Family CEMETERY
"D"

Dear Mr. Davidson:

Congressman Miller has forwarded to us your letter concerning the old cemetery near Lancaster, Ohio.

The Associate Special Counsel to the President has checked into this matter, and he advises us that an investigation was made of this property in 1948 and again in 1959. These investigations determined that the cemetery is not owned by the government, nor is it a part of the national cemetery system.

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Hence, it would be inappropriate for the President or the federal government to assume responsibility for maintenance. If this was done, the government would be called upon to maintain numerous other properties over which it has no control.

Will
"D"

It is Mrs. Johnson's hope that citizens will take pride in sites of local historic significance, and she welcomes your constructive interest.

With best wishes,

Nathaniel Wilson, Jr.

Federal Government
"D"

Sincerely,

De Vier Pearson

Bess Abell
Social Secretary

"The President's Acre"

Mr. Henry F. Davidson
1008 Urana Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43224

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Southern Ohio Covered Bridge Association, Inc.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TO: DeVier Pearson

FROM: Cynthia Wilson *cc*
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RE: Attached letter from Congressman Clarence E. Miller

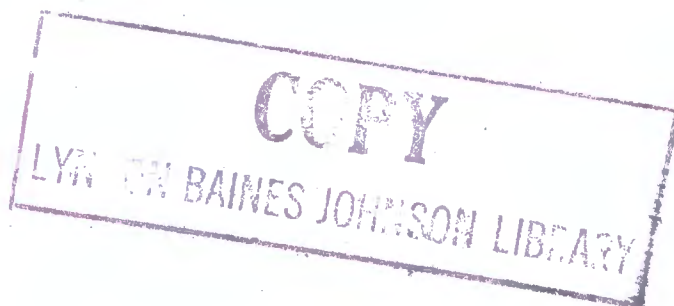
This is a rather ridiculous subject, but unfortunately the Congressman's office seems to be interested in pursuing it. They are checking locally to see if deed is recorded.

Apparently in 1817, a man in Ohio deeded his family cemetery to the President to be handed down to successive Presidents. The cemetery is neglected, and I am sure what these people want is for the federal government to assume responsibility for its upkeep.

Could you tell me whether property deeded to the federal government in this manner does become the government's responsibility? It would seem to me that it would have to be formally accepted, or else everyone would dump their property on the government to assure that it was cared for.

According to the Congressman's office, the cemetery has received much local publicity, and this story is widely believed in that area.

Sorry to bother you with this trivia.





SOUTHERN OHIO
COVERED BRIDGE ASS'N. INC.

July 19, 1967

U.S. Rep. Clarence E. Miller
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

There is a story (copy enclosed)
about an old cemetery west of
Lancaster, Ohio - in Fairfield
County.

I cannot help but WONDER if it
is FACT OR FICTION. !?

If it is FACT, someone ought
to call to the PRESIDENT'S
attention the fact that he is
sadly neglecting ONE ACRE. This
would be a good place to start
on the program of MAKING THE
COUNTRY BEAUTIFUL.

Henry H. Davidson
1008 URANA AVENUE
Columbus, Ohio 43224

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*America's
Strangest
Landmark*

THE PRESIDENT'S ACRE

1817

In 1817 Nathaniel Wilson, Jr., a pioneer of the Lancaster section, set aside a plot of ground to be used as a cemetery for his family. In order to preserve the graves from vandals and to prevent neglect in their care and upkeep, he deeded it to the President of the United States to be handed on to successive Presidents as long as the nation exists.

He inclosed the plot of ground with a high wall built of perfectly quarried stones of immense size. The work is the finest example of perfect stone masonry in Ohio. While the stones were being placed in position, Wilson, who was always present, blessed the work by reading from his old Scotch Bible. In the center of the plot he planted a young cedar of Lebanon, imported from Palestine.

He wanted the entire section surrounded by a fence to further insure its protection and, to make sure that material could be had for this purpose, he planted a field of locust trees near his home, which he also deeded to President Martin Van Buren in 1838.

This is the only cemetery in America deeded to the President of the United States and stands as a monument to a grand old pioneer, whose love of life and tender regards for the dead was as outstanding as the stone-walled plot he left for posterity.

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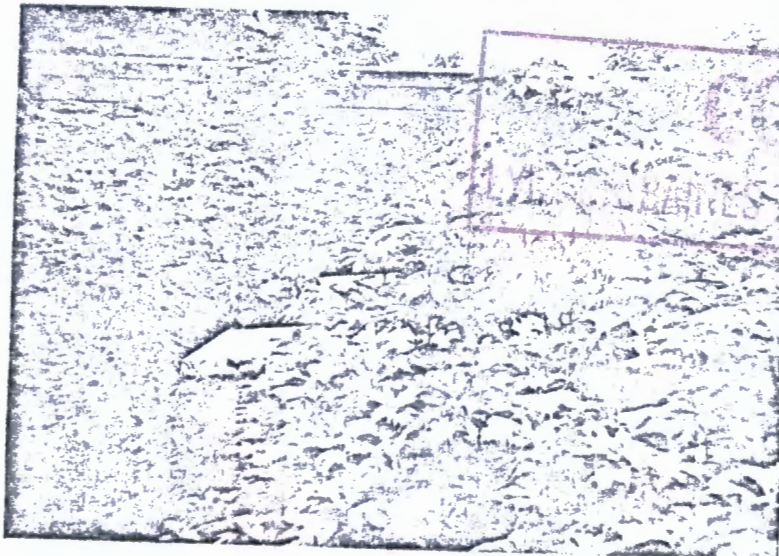




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President Ronald Reagan
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President:

One of my ancestors, Nathaniel Wilson, conveyed a private family cemetery near Lancaster, Ohio, to the President of the United States on October 24, 1817. I understand that until about 7 years ago this cemetery was accepted by each new President after inauguration. My family would appreciate you continuing the tradition and accepting the cemetery.

The ground was subsequently enclosed by a high and strong stone wall, one of the earliest and best examples of this art in Ohio. No mortar was used to hold the stones together.

The stone wall was in turn enclosed by a good fence, and to provide for keeping it up Nathaniel planted a grove of locust trees near his home, and in his will of April 12, 1838, he gave the grove to President Martin Van Buren.

In some ways, 166 years seems like a long time, but when I read the family history in Nathaniel's Bible and follow each family member back in time, it seems such a short time ago.

Please accept the trust that Nathaniel felt for our country's President.

Yours truly,



Charles Wilson
7420 W. 83 St.
Los Angeles, CA 90045
Home phone (213) 670-0144
Work phone (213) 646-3986
Tues-Fri 8-5:30 usually.

WHITE HOUSE
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Name of Correspondent: M. B. Oglesby / Bill Green

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Subject: Lipp ^{izaner} Stallion information request from constituent Louise L. Patterson

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 6, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD C. MORRIS
SPECIAL ASSISTANT/SECURITY
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING *Orig. signed by FFF*
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Lipizzaner Stallion

Consistent with my memorandum to you of April 7, 1983, I am referring to you for appropriate handling a letter to B. Oglesby from Congressman Bill Green regarding a request from one of his constituents for information concerning the Lipizzaner stallion.

As mentioned in my earlier memorandum, in responding, please endeavor to make it abundantly clear that neither the President nor the United States hold title to the horse and decisions regarding it are not, therefore, the President's to make. I assume you have discussed this matter with the Austrians and that they are prepared to respond to inquiries you may refer to them.

Again, my thanks for your cooperation in handling this matter.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 29, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED FIELDING

FROM:

M. B. OGLESBY, JR. *MBO*

SUBJECT:

LIPPANZZANER STALLION

Attached is correspondence we recently received from Congressman Bill Green (R-NY) inquiring about the circumstances behind the gift of the Lippanzzaner Stallion to President Reagan.

Your appropriate handling of this inquiry is appreciated.

BILL GREEN
15TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

SUBCOMMITTEES:
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HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 20, 1983

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-2436

NEW YORK OFFICE:
GRAND CENTRAL POST OFFICE BUILDING
110 EAST 45TH STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017
(212) 826-4466

M.B. Oglesby, Jr.
Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs
The White House
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear B.:

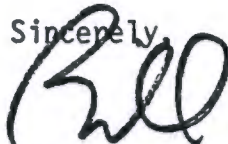
One of my constituents, Louise Lytle Patterson, has requested some information regarding the Lippanzner stallion presented by the Austrian Chamber of Commerce to President Reagan in November of 1982.

She would appreciate any details concerning the date and place of the presentation, the circumstances behind the gift, and the present location of the horse.

Please send any information to my office so that I can respond to Ms. Patterson's questions. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Brad Zodikoff in my office at 225-2436.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,



Bill Green
Member of Congress

BG: bz

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR WHITE HOUSE STAFF

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING 
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Holiday Season Reminder on Gift Policy

With the advent of another 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. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with this.

Gifts that may not be accepted

No member of the White House staff may accept a gift from a person who --

- o has or is seeking to do business with any part of the Executive Branch,
- o is involved in activities which are regulated by the Executive Branch,
- o has an interest which would be substantially affected by the staff member's performance of official duties.

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Your loss !!

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR WHITE HOUSE STAFF

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING 
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Holiday Season Reminder on Gift Policy

With the advent of another 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. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with this.

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No member of the White House staff may accept a gift from a person who --

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Dec. 15, 1983

Dear Mr. Fielding:

Thank you very much for
answering my letter of October 18, 1983.

If time permits I will direct
further inquiries to the Austrian
Embassy.

Sincerely
Karl Mikolka

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 8, 1983

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Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

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Name of Correspondent: Karl H. Mikolka

MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Expresses an interest in training a Lipizzaner Stallion (Maestoso Blanca)

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| D - Draft Response | S - For Signature | C - Completed |
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SIGNATURE CODES:

- CPn - Presidential Correspondence
 - n - 0 - Unknown
 - n - 1 - Ronald Wilson Reagan
 - n - 2 - Ronald Reagan
 - n - 3 - Ron
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 - n - 5 - Ron Reagan
 - n - 6 - Ronald
 - n - 7 - Ronnie

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 7, 1983

FOR: FRED F. FIELDING
FROM: DAVID B. WALLER *DBW*
SUBJECT: Lipizzaner Stallion

Although the attached letter regarding the Lipizzaner stallion is dated October 18, 1983, it was forwarded to me yesterday by Katherine Shepherd in the Correspondence Unit.

A proposed response is attached for your review and signature.

KARL H. MIKOLKA, BEREITER

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October 18, 1983

Dear Mr. President:

Allow me to take a few moments of your time. I would like to discuss briefly your horse, Maestro Blanca, which was given to you by the Spanish Riding School last November.

As a former rider of this institute (1954-1968) I had recently the opportunity to ride M. Blanca, which at the moment is stabled at Tempel Farms, IL. where I am employed as a riding master. This stallion is a fine equine athlete and deserves expert attention.

Should you, Mr. President, wish that his training is continued in the

KARL H. MIKOLKA, BEREITER

Classical tradition, please inform a member of your staff to get in touch with Tempel Farms Administration Center before Monday, October 24, 1983. Our horses will leave then for Washington D.C. to attend the Washington International Horse Show.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely
Karl Mikolka

Farms Administration Center:

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