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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 8, 1988

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Dear Mr. Levins:

Your letter concerning presidential gifts was referred to me.

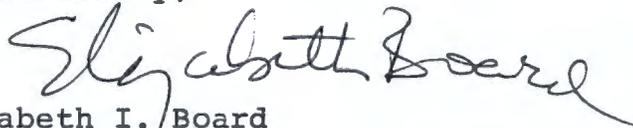
As you can no doubt imagine, the President receives an extraordinary number of gifts including clothes and sports items. The President determines whether or not he keeps these gifts or donates them to the presidential library on a case-by-case basis. Items that are donated to the presidential library will be stored at the National Archives until the Ronald Reagan Library is completed.

There is no accurate accounting of how many items of clothing the President has received during the past eight years. Sports paraphenalia for instance can be catalogued as clothing, sports items, or athletic equipment.

There is a Gift Unit at the White House that is responsible for the cataloguing of all Presidential gifts. If you have specific questions about items received from St. Louis, they would be able to answer your questions. Please realize however, that all gifts received by the President -- gifts received through the mail, during trips, during visits in the Oval Office -- are catalogued. Therefore, the number of records you will be asking them to research is quite substantial.

You should direct your inquiries to The White House Gift Unit, Old Executive Office Building, Room 457, Washington, D.C. 20500.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth I. Board
Deputy Assistant to the President and
Director, Office of Media and Broadcast Relations

Mr. Harry Levins
Chief Copy Editor
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
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St. Louis, Missouri 63101

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

THE PULITZER PUBLISHING COMPANY

Oct. 27, 1988

Office of the Press Secretary
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

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MEDIA RELATIONS

Dear Sirs:

I write a once-a-week column about the less important issues of our time, and one of them came to mind as I read the sports pages of today's New York Times.

It showed a large picture of President Reagan accepting a Los Angeles Dodgers shirt from Tommy Lasorda. That photo brought to mind dozens of others photos showing the president accepting shirts, jackets and hats from one group or another -- and also brought to mind some questions that I thought you might be able to answer:

1. What does Mr. Reagan do with these items? Does he actually wear them? Are they stored somewhere? Or are they given away, and, if so, to whom?
2. Does anybody have any idea how many items of clothing have been given to Mr. Reagan in his presidency? If no total is available, does anybody have a weekly or monthly average?
3. Would it be possible for somebody in your office to list a sampling of groups whose logos adorn the caps, shirts, jackets and whatnot handed to Mr. Reagan? Anything from St. Louis?

I realize that this is an off-the-wall request, but I write an off-the-wall column. Anyway, I suspect that millions of Americans envy the president; I, for one, would love a St. Louis Cardinals game shirt.

Anyway, I'd be grateful for whatever you could tell me.

Sincerely,
Harry Levins
Harry Levins
Chief copy editor

depends on what they say on what occasion - what to Library -

check by case labels

Cherity - Has to do w/ admin. / Pres. Upt'l Archives until Library - bi-monthly

wearable / sports items / athletic equipment

Kansas City Royals - Oct. 1985

Cardinals - Anything on trips; visits to oval office.

St. Louis Cardinals baseball caps

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**WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET**

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Name of Correspondent: Miriam Holland

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Subject: Reminder on Gift Policy as it Relates to Inaugural Tickets

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- A - Appropriate Action
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 - F - Furnish Fact Sheet to be used as Enclosure
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SIGNATURE CODES:

- CPn - Presidential Correspondence
- n - 0 - Unknown
- n - 1 - Ronald Wilson Reagan
- n - 2 - Ronald Reagan
- n - 3 - Ron
- n - 4 - Dutch
- n - 5 - Ron Reagan
- n - 6 - Ronald
- n - 7 - Ronnie

- CLn - First Lady's Correspondence
- n - 0 - Unknown
- n - 1 - Nancy Reagan
- n - 2 - Nancy
- n - 3 - Mrs. Ronald Reagan

- CBn - Presidential & First Lady's Correspondence
- n - 1 - Ronald Reagan - Nancy Reagan
- n - 2 - Ron - Nancy

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- B - Box/package
- C - Copy
- D - Official document
- G - Message
- H - Handcarried
- L - Letter
- M - Mailgram
- O - Memo
- P - Photo
- R - Report
- S - Sealed
- T - Telegram
- V - Telephone
- X - Miscellaneous
- Y - Study

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 28, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR WHITE HOUSE STAFF

Original Signed by ABC

FROM: ARTHUR B. CULVAHOUSE, JR.
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Reminder on Gift Policy as it
Relates to Inaugural Tickets

Due to the increasing number of inquiries being received by Counsel's Office concerning the propriety of accepting proffered tickets to Inaugural balls and galas, we believed it important to remind all staff of the White House gift policy, which is set forth in the White House Staff Manual, and which is applicable to gifts of Inaugural tickets.

Generally, 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 department or agency in the Executive branch;
- o is involved in activities which are regulated by any department or agency in the Executive branch; or
- o has an interest which may be substantially affected by the staff member's performance of official duties.

Any offers of tickets to an Inaugural ball or to a gala or other event for which tickets are sold must be declined if the person, including a corporate entity, fits any of the aforementioned categories.

Gifts of tickets from relatives may be accepted, of course. Further, they may be accepted from personal friends, but only where it is clear that the motivation to provide such gift is personal and the circumstances are such that no appearance of conflict of interest is created. For example, if a close personal friend offers you tickets that he or she intended to use but perforce cannot, you may accept even though he or she happens to be a banker subject to federal regulation. On the other hand, if your "friend" is offering you tickets as an agent of his or her corporate employer and the corporation fits any of the aforementioned categories, acceptance of such an offer would violate White House Standards of Conduct.

You should also be mindful that acceptance of tickets would constitute a gift of entertainment, and thus would be covered by the reporting requirements for such gifts.

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 Counsel's Office.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 23, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR DIANNA G. HOLLAND

FROM: KATHLEEN D. KOCH 
SUBJECT: Memorandum to White House Staff on Gift Policy
Re: Inaugural Event Tickets

As requested, I have had the memorandum on the above topic retyped for Mr. Culvahouse's signature. I would anticipate some stylistic changes from Mr. Culvahouse. Phyllis typed this draft and has the text on her machine.

Attachment

*For Revision
attached*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 12.14.88

Suspense Date _____

MEMORANDUM FOR: APAC

FROM: DIANNA G. HOLLAND

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ACTION

- Approved
- Please handle/review
- For your information
- For your recommendation
- For the files
- Please see me
- Please prepare response for _____ signature
- As we discussed
- Return to me for filing



COMMENT

I mentioned to Phil that this
memo had been distributed for
the last Inauguration. If you
agree it should be done, I will
send to Kathy to update.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 15, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR WHITE HOUSE STAFF

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING ^{Orig. signed by FFF}
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT HBC

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