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**Subject:** Usher Records

This afternoon, I spoke with Gary Walters, the current Chief Usher. According to Mr. Walters, the Usher's office keeps a record of all those individuals who go above the first floor of the White House and into the First Family's quarters. These are considered informal documents that are kept for the First Family's purposes. They are not government records. Oftentimes, a President or First Lady will consult these records while they are writing their memoirs, or for other memory-jogging purposes. At the conclusion of an Administration, these documents are handed over to the First Family, and are considered their personal records. The Chief Usher during the Kennedy Adminsitration was J.B. West. He held that position from 1957 - 1969. Although Mr. West has since passed, two of his assistants are still living. They are as follows: Mr. Rex Scouton - Fairfax City, VA Mr. Nelson Pierce - Arlington, VA Mr. Walters stated that he would be happy to answer any other questions that we might have.

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