

February 3, 1998

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
Box 927
Rancho Mirage, California 92270

Dear President Ford:

It was nice to see you again last month. I would like to thank you once more for your generous agreement to make available to the JFK Collection at the National Archives public photocopies of pages from your 1963 and 1964 Desk Diaries. When I last saw you it had been unclear (at least to me) whether you would be depositing the original diaries in the Ford Library. I am very glad to hear that you will be sending them there. I agree that your library is the most appropriate place to house them.

I have forwarded to Penny Circle a copy of a proposed press release that we believe would be appropriate to issue. We would be pleased to receive suggestions for modifying the release or, as I mentioned to Penny, we will not issue a release if you would so prefer.

One of life's little coincidences occurred shortly after I left your office. I placed some telephone calls to Washington, including one to a colleague named Scott Hibbard. He asked me what I was doing in California. After I told him, he said that his grandfather, Jack Hibbard, had been one of your early supporters and fund raisers when you first ran for Congress. Scott said that his grandfather died in 1978, but that his grandmother, Margaret, is a spry 102-year-old.

We very much appreciate your contribution to the Collection.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
Executive Director

cc: Ms. Penny Circle