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ME...  
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OTHER

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

One of the great thrills and highlights of your most gracious visit to our golf tournament last February was your statement, "If Jackie Gleason invites me back to play next year, I'll come."

Believe me, I know both the pressures of your office and your arduous schedule. That is why I so much appreciated your warm and generous comment.

In the hopes that nothing deters you from coming, I am extending a cordial invitation to you to participate in the Jackie Gleason Golf Classic, which this year will be hosting the PGA Tournament Players Championship, on February 25, 1976, in Fort Lauderdale.

Bob Hope and Bing Crosby are also being invited to join in our foursome.

I can't begin to tell you how much your esteemed presence meant to us last year and the great benefit it accorded the Boys Clubs of America.

In the meantime, please be assured of my personal and most sincere support, along with my prayers for your continued strength and good health.

Willow Wood Road  
Lauderhill, Fla. 33319

Most cordially,  
*Jackie*  
Jackie Gleason



P. S. Please give Mrs. Ford my best regards. I hope that she will honor us in accompanying you to the Tournament.

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 Golf Classic in 1976 which hosts the PGA  
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 Lauderdale on February 25

**SCHEDULING ROUTING MEMO**

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Originator: Jackie Gleason

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 10, 1975

To: Mildred Leonard

From: William Nicholson *WN*

We thought the President would want to personally respond to Mr. Gleason's letter. Please copy my office on the President's letter.

Thank you.

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Gleason, Jackie

EXECUTIVE

IV/1976/579/FT. Lauderdale

RE 11

September 18, 1975

Dear Jackie:

Thank you so much for your most gracious letter, reminding me of my promise to be present at your golf tournament next year provided you invited me!

I anticipate that my schedule during February, 1976 will be extremely heavy; but you may be sure that if it can possibly be arranged I definitely want to accept your very cordial invitation to participate in the Jackie Gleason Golf Classic on February 25th. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity last year and hope and trust I can be with you again.

I am sending your letter and a copy of this reply to my scheduling office and asking that every effort be made to keep it on my calendar. You should be hearing definitely from my scheduling director as the date draws nearer.

Thank you again for your kindness and warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jackie Gleason  
Willow Wood Road  
Lauderhill, Florida 33319

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cc: Bill Nicholson with cy of incoming

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Bill Nicholson

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Let Bill sign

September 18, 1975

Dear Jackie:

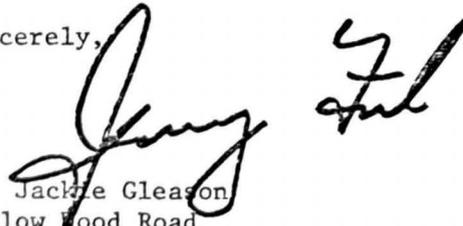
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Mr. Jackie Gleason  
Willow Wood Road  
Lauderhill, Florida 33319



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EXECUTIVE

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January 19, 1976

Dear Mr. Gleason:

This is with further reference to the President's letter to you regarding your invitation to him to participate again this year in the Jackie Gleason Inverrary Classic to be held in Fort Lauderdale on February 25.

This invitation has been carried forward in our files for consideration as the schedule for February was finalised since the President was hopeful that he could join you for this enjoyable occasion but, regrettably, as the February schedule has developed it is now clear he will not be able to do so.

The President has asked that I express his great appreciation for your thoughtfulness in including him in your plans for the Jackie Gleason Classic and he sends warm good wishes for a most successful event.

Sincerely,

William W. Nicholson  
Director  
Scheduling Office

Mr. Jackie Gleason  
Willow Wood Road  
Lauderhill, Florida 33319

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cc: 2 copies to Nancy Gemmell



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July 16, 1975

Dear Jackie:

It was indeed kind of you to remember my birthday with the magnificent red carnations in their cut glass container. The festive atmosphere in our living quarters created by the blooms reminded me of your birthday celebration at the Golf Classic last February which I still recall with much pleasure.

Your gift made the day a very happy one for me, and I am most grateful for your thoughtfulness.

With warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

JERRY FORD

Mr. Jackie Gleason  
Willow Wood Road  
Lauderhill, Florida 33313



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