

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Dear Stuart,

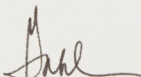
Please forgive me for being so long in communicating with you. Our many trips abroad have delayed, more than we would like, our Christmas Card decisions.

As I believe Linda Faulkner explained to you, we were undecided as to whether to make the 1984 Christmas Card a printing of last year's Blue Room Christmas tree or go back to the North Portico (the South Portico was the subject of the Reagans' first Christmas Card). After a lot of thought, Mrs. Reagan has decided that she would like the 1984 Christmas Card to be a painting of the North Portico. She was very torn when she saw what you and Scott had done with the Blue Room Christmas tree, but would also like to round out this series of cards with the South Portico.

I trust, Stuart, that we may keep you in mind for the future -- as soon as we know what the future is.

With my very warm regards,

Sincerely,



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