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The President and Mrs. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D.C.
May the joy and peace of Christmas stay with you throughout the New Year

SHELLEY and PAT BUCHANAN

Dear Mr. President:

An old year now is ending,
   Twas a year with trouble fraught.
When men of honor suffered,
   With things they had not aught.

When those of feeble morals,
   Attempted to erase.
The system of our government,
   And bring us to disgrace.

But steadfast was our President,
   In holding to the helm.
Those men of evil purpose,
   Could not him overwhelm.

Now, Lord, this new year's dawning,
   Needs the touching of Your hand.
To fortify our President,
   To help him save our land.

In the fight 'tween good and evil,
   Let him even up the score.
And bring a stable peace, at home,
   In nineteen seventy-four.

Sincerely,

John E. Nidecker

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.
Mr. President and Mrs. Nixon,

The White House,
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Mrs. Rose Marie Wood
SEASON'S GREETINGS
AND BEST WISHES
FOR A
HAPPY NEW YEAR

To President and Mrs. Nixon -
with most cordial greetings respectfully,

Saul and Inge Eshman.
Requesting assessment of $400 per member to tear down "Rickenbacker Cottage" and build a new structure.
December 10, 1973

Members of Cave Man Camp:

Hon. Richard M. Nixon  George M. Mardikian
Joseph P. Binns  Robert O'Brien
W. Glenn Campbell  Frank O. Prior
Loren R. Chandler  Tom G. Prior
Bruce W. Cole  Eugene C. Pulliam
Peter Grimm  J. E. Wallace Sterling
Allan Hoover  Thomas E. Sunderland
Herbert Hoover, III  John E. Swearingen
Jack R. Howard  Lowell Thomas, Sr.
Jaquelin H. Hume  Lowell Thomas, Jr.
Thomas Kelland  Walter Trohan
Lawrence A. Kimpton  General A. C. Wedemeyer

Dear Cave Men:

During the last Encampment we met with our old friends, the Grove Committee, and received confirmation of their position that the "Rickenbacker Cottage" is beyond repair and must be torn down as a hazard, or rebuilt. This was not unexpected, but we had hoped to postpone the issue for awhile. After a lot of soul searching on the part of Allan Hoover's infamous "invisible management" we have authorized the Grove Committee to:

"Tear down existing "Rickenbacker Cabin" and construct a four room sleeper and bath similar to existing one above Lodge as per plan attached. Excavate and put in blue rock walkway from Lodge to upper stairway. Move outdoor bar to upper end of patio and put in lights and water. Remove deadwood trees in patio area and leaning maple. Cut off existing stump and upper stairway to make steps wider."
The estimate for this work is about $10,000, and while we do have a surplus in the treasury, it has been decided to "pay as we go." This will mean an assessment of approximately $400 per member, and I must reluctantly ask each of you to forward your check for this amount to The Cave Man Fund, % George Mardikian, 207 Powell Street, San Francisco, California.

Tom Sunderland, who has worked hard on the details of this project, shares with me the feeling that this should take care of major expenses for the foreseeable future. At least we'll have added some modern facilities at a low altitude to accommodate some of our aging and less agile members.

May I take this opportunity to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and more tranquil New Year.

Sincerely,

Bob

RCS:mlp
Personal
Attention
Miss Rose Maria Woods.

Honorable Richard M. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D. C.