

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 26, 1967

Dear Mrs. Tolmach:

Mrs. Johnson asked me to tell you how much she appreciates your enticing invitation on behalf of the Democratic State Central Committee of California.

She has always so much enjoyed her visits to your beautiful state and would certainly hope to accompany the President when he makes another trip. However, because of the expected birth of her first grandchild, she is unable to make any definite commitments. She knows how important it is for you to arrange in advance an event such as the one you have so generously suggested and she thinks it best to say "no." She is indeed sorry her reply must be a disappointing one. Please know that this makes her no less grateful for your invitation.

It is so heartening to Mrs. Johnson to learn of the efforts already being put forth for the coming campaign. She sends her appreciation, encouragement and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bess Abell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bess Abell
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