



January 3, 2006

Mr. Walter S. Scheib  
The American Chef  
855 Forestville Meadows Dr.  
Great Falls, VA 22066

Dear Walter,

Please forgive me for taking so long to write. Thank you for the magnificent recreation of the White House State Dinner you presented on November 11 at the Golden Sheaf. Fully a month later, I am still getting calls complimenting me on the quality of the event. This is testament to your professionalism, and attention to detail. However, your knack for connecting with the crowd to convey the most interesting anecdotes about dining at the White House is what has been mentioned most routinely.

Walter, it is evident that The American Chef is off to a great start. The manner in which you reproduced every aspect of the meal from the menu presentation to the table settings, the china reproduction, the honor guard and the place card was remarkable. While most of us will never enjoy the honor and privilege of attending a State Dinner, we can now certainly appreciate the pomp and circumstance that surrounds these magnificent events. Please use me as a reference for anyone who is considering hiring you to do a similar event.

Finally, on behalf of the Board of Directors of Tres Bonne Annee, thank you for the generous contribution of your time and experience which allowed us to raise \$41,500 for Whitaker Center solely from your two lots. My best wishes for a Happy New Year to you and your family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'William D. Kohl'.

William D. Kohl, CHA, CFBE  
President and CEO