

About the Collector

The majority of White House presidential china on display is from the private collection of Mr. Set Momjian. He began collecting china by accident in the 1950s when dealers included pieces of china along with the presidential letters and documents he was amassing. As his collection of porcelain pieces grew he came to appreciate the historical significance and beauty of each piece. This led him to seek out the personal china patterns of First Ladies as well. His collections are many and diverse, but he is passionate about his presidential china collection and is delighted to share it with our visitors.

Mr. Momjian is a retired Ford Motor Company executive and served as a representative to the United Nations under the Carter administration. Mr. Momjian has served as Presidential Advisor to the past five administrations and has enjoyed personal friendships with Presidents and First Ladies, starting with the Johnsons. He recently explained why presidential china is so fascinating to him and to others: "White House china shows the personal style of each First Lady and they are the only items that remain in the White House to give us a sense of their tastes and the times in which they lived."





ABOVE: Set and Joan Momjian with Rosalynn and Jimmy Carter



OPPOSITE PAGE: Lady Bird Johnson with Set Momjian; *ABOVE:* White House China Room