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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 2, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HUGH CARTER *HC*

SUBJECT: 716 Jackson Place

Per your recent request, attached are the floor plans of the townhouse at 716 Jackson Place used by former Presidents. Also included is a brief history on the house.

*Furnishings? accommodations?
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716 JACKSON PLACE

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HISTORY OF PROPERTY 716 JACKSON PLACE

- 1792-1810 When the Federal Commissioners obtained the land which is now Lafayette Square (for \$67 an acre) they let Samuel Davidson retain those portions of his farm which now consist of the block west of Jackson Place and the block east of Madison Place.
- 1810-1818 Lewis Grant Davidson, a nephew, inherited the land by will and began selling portions of it.
- 1818 The land where 716 now stands was purchased from Davidson by Commodore Stephen Decatur.
- 1820 Decatur's will, executed on the day he was mortally wounded in a duel with Commodore James Barron, left the property to his wife, Susan.
- 1833 Susan Decatur's creditors foreclosed on the land.
- 1838 Francis Preston Blair, Sr. purchased the land from the creditors, James Dunlop and John Marbury, trustees for Robert Oliver.
- 1850 Blair gave the property to his son James Lawrence Blair.
- 1867-1868 Mary Jessup Blair, his widow, constructed the house which is 716.
- 1869-1873 Mrs. Blair lived in 716 while constructing 718.
- 1874-1886 Mrs. Blair rented the house, but the tenants are unknown.
- 1886 House rented to Senator Arthur Pue Gorman of Maryland.
- 1888-1891 Rented to George F. Appleby, Attorney.
- 1892-1895 Probably rented to William J. Boardman of Cleveland and his daughter Mabel.
- 1896 Rented by Senator David B. Hill of New York.
- 1897-1902 Tenants unknown.
- 1902-1905 Rented by Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.
- 1905 Rented by Assistant Secretary of State Francis B. Loomis.
- 1906-1911 Tenants unknown.
- 1912 Rented by Assistant Attorney General Charles W. Cobb
- 1913 Tenants unknown.

- 1914-1915 Property inherited by Violet Blair Janin from her mother. Vacant during those two years.
- 1916-1917 Property leased by the U.S. Department of Justice for \$1800 per year for office space.
- 1917-1919 Property leased by the U.S. Committee on Public Information (President Wilson's war press office).
- 1919-1921 Property leased by the U.S. Bulletin Service.
- 1922-1924 Property leased by the Roger W. Babson Statistical Organization. (Babson was formerly with the U.S. Bulletin Service).
- 1924-1937 Property leased to William Corcoran Hill, a real estate agent, who leased to a series of sub-tenants, mostly commercial.
- 1933 Property inherited by Blair Lee, a cousin of Violet Blair Janin.
- 1937 Property sold to Donald D. Shepard, trustee for the A. W. Mellon Educational and Charitable Trust, to be used as office space and quarters while administering the construction of the National Gallery of Art. The Trust undertook major restoration of the building and installed the elevator running from the basement to the third floor. Two floors were designed for office space and two for sleeping quarters.
- 1937-1957 Property held by Mellon Trust and occupied full time until completion of the National Gallery of Art in 1941. Thereafter used sporadically and finally vacated around 1954.
- 1957 Property purchased by the United States Government.

USE OF 716 JACKSON PLACE BY THE GOVERNMENT

After acquisition of 716 Jackson Place the government continued to rent the property until it was ready to begin renovation. The actual renovation of the property was not completed until 1969 or 1970 when it was assigned for use by former Presidents.

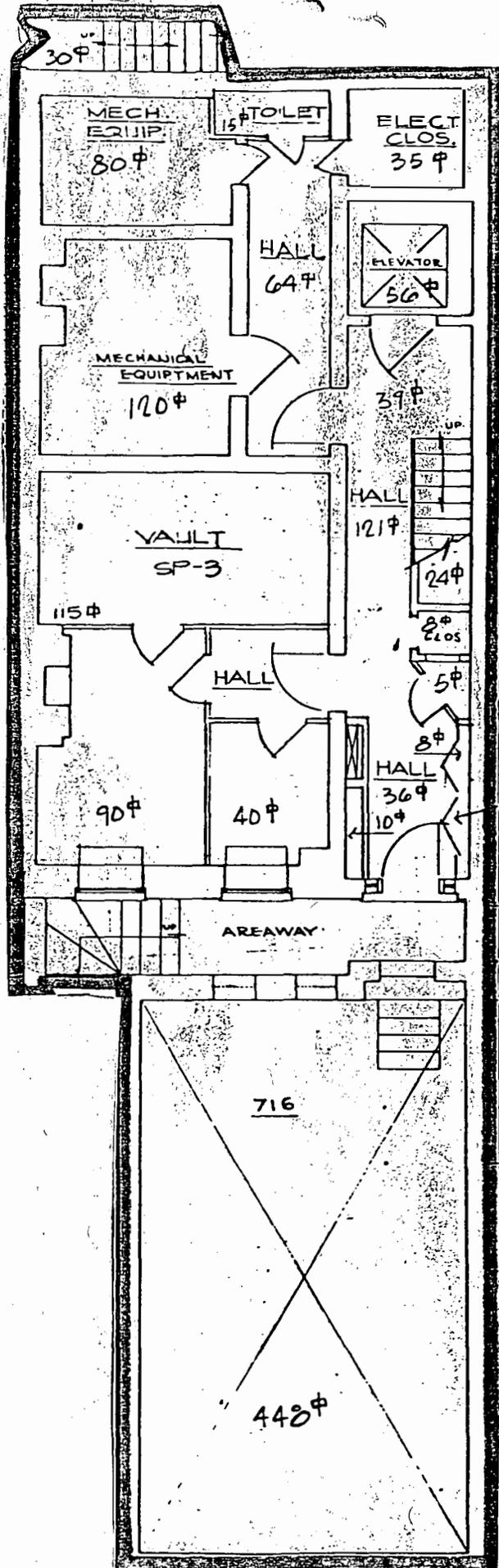
President Johnson apparently used the building for office space but did not live there. President and Mrs. Ford have used it as both office and residential space on occasion. President Nixon has apparently never used it.

Aside from former Presidents, the house has been used to house Chip Carter, during the 1976 transition, General Torrijos during the Panama Canal Treaty ceremonies, two White House telephone operators during the February 1979 snowstorm, and President-elect Reagan in November 1980.

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BASEMENT

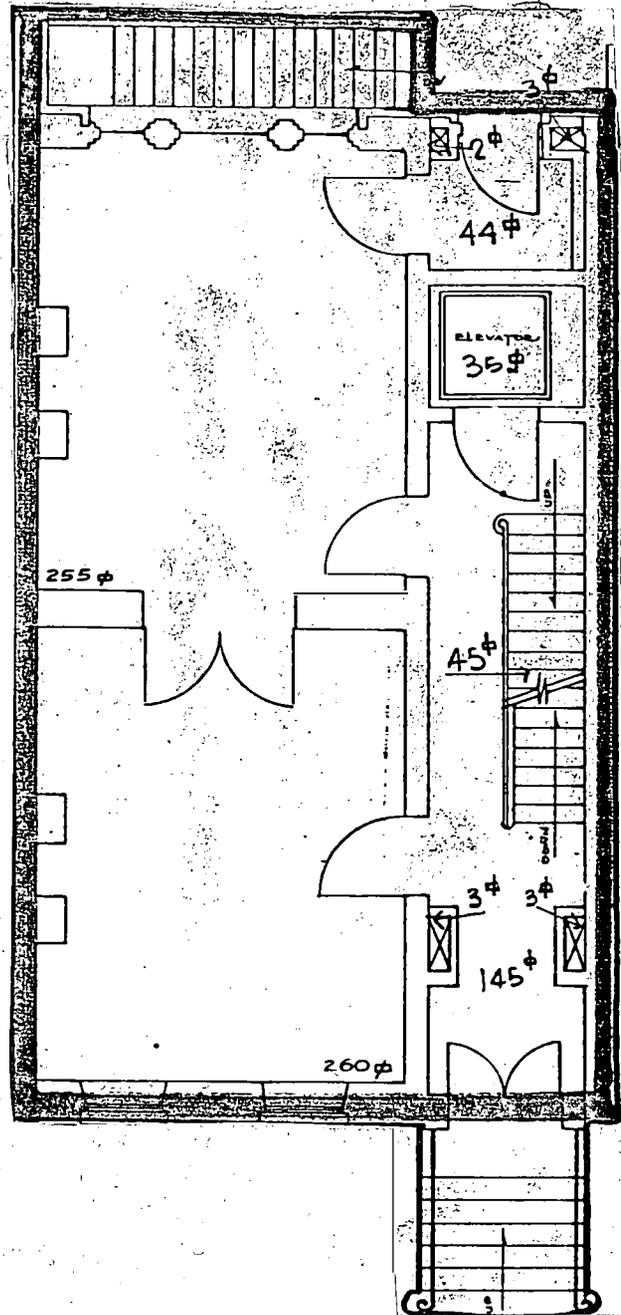
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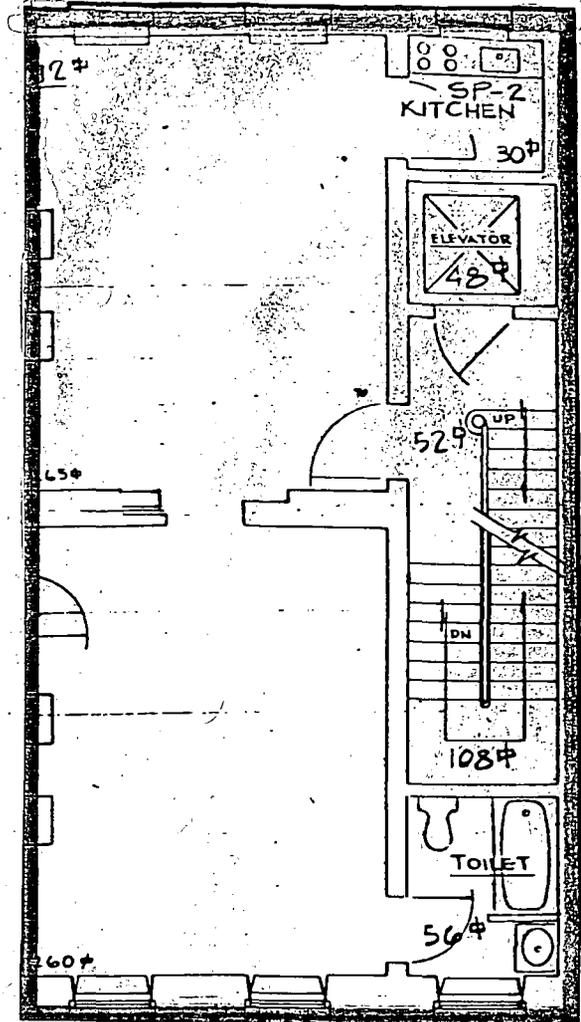
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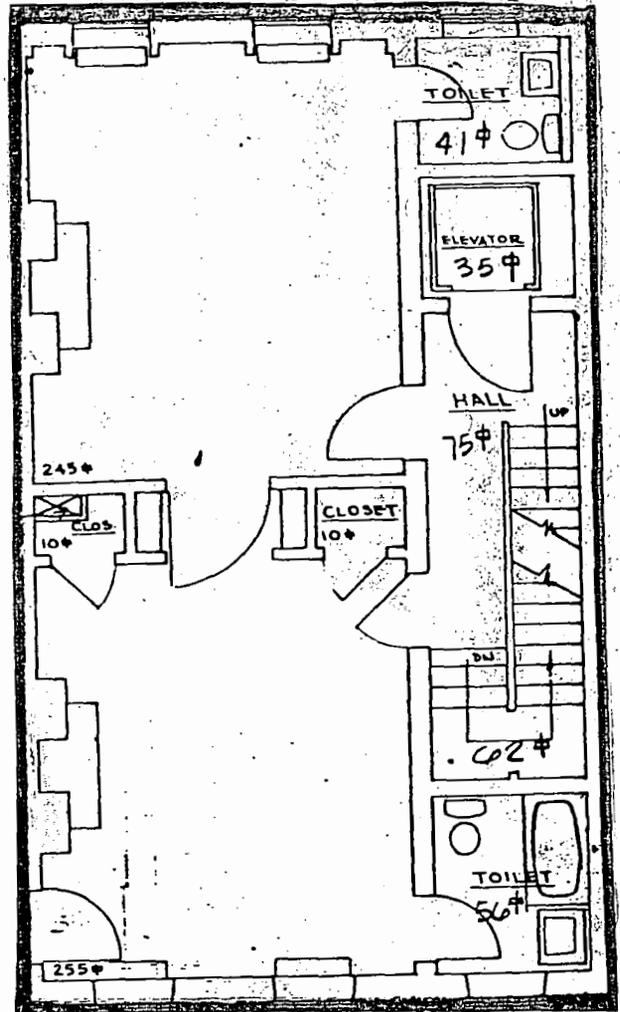
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THIRD FLOOR

Occupiable Space: 520 sq. ft.



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FOURTH FLOOR

Occupiable Space: 405 sq. ft.

