

In early June 2019, President and Mrs. Trump were invited to a state dinner in the UK hosted by Queen Elizabeth II. All of us at the senior staff level would get to attend—the queen, Prince Charles, Prince William, Kate, Prince Harry, and the rest of the royal family were all beyond excited, but none more than the Trump children. It was the only trip that every single member of the family expected to attend, including Ivanka; Eric and Kimberly Guilfoyle, his girlfriend and Fox News fixture; and Tiffany and her boyfriend. Everyone wanted seats at the state dinner that the queen would be hosting, as well as the dinner at the White House, the US ambassador's residence, which would also be attended by Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall. Because of course, everyone began maneuvering almost

That trip is a good example—not that I needed another—of the complications caused by Ivanka's various ideas and requests. With seating and accommodations so tight, "the kids" used their role as family members to intimidate those in the advance and travel offices to get them to have their own staff accompany them. It was a running joke in the East Wing that Ivanka and Eric each had a chief of staff. In a normal White House, only the two principals—the president and the president's wife—have a chief of staff. In the East Wing, the first and second ladies generally do not. But in the Trump White House, having one's own chief of staff was a cool affectation

The First Lady's chief of staff Lindsay Reynolds had dreamed of meeting the queen and in her role, she was hell-bent on making sure the Trump kids didn't ruin it for her