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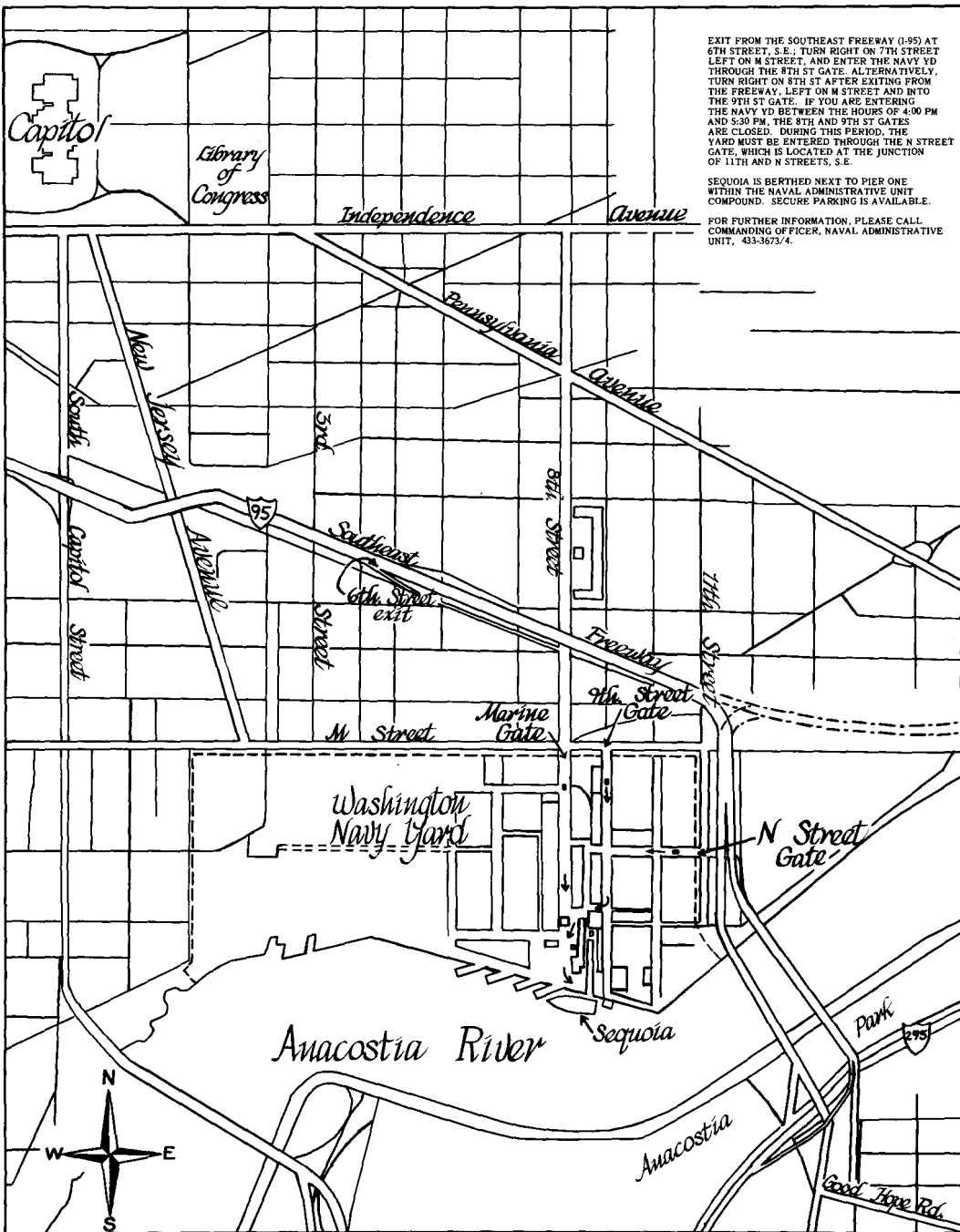


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Bill Cuff

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1975 Schedule



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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL COMMANDING OFFICER, NAVAL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, 433-3673-4.

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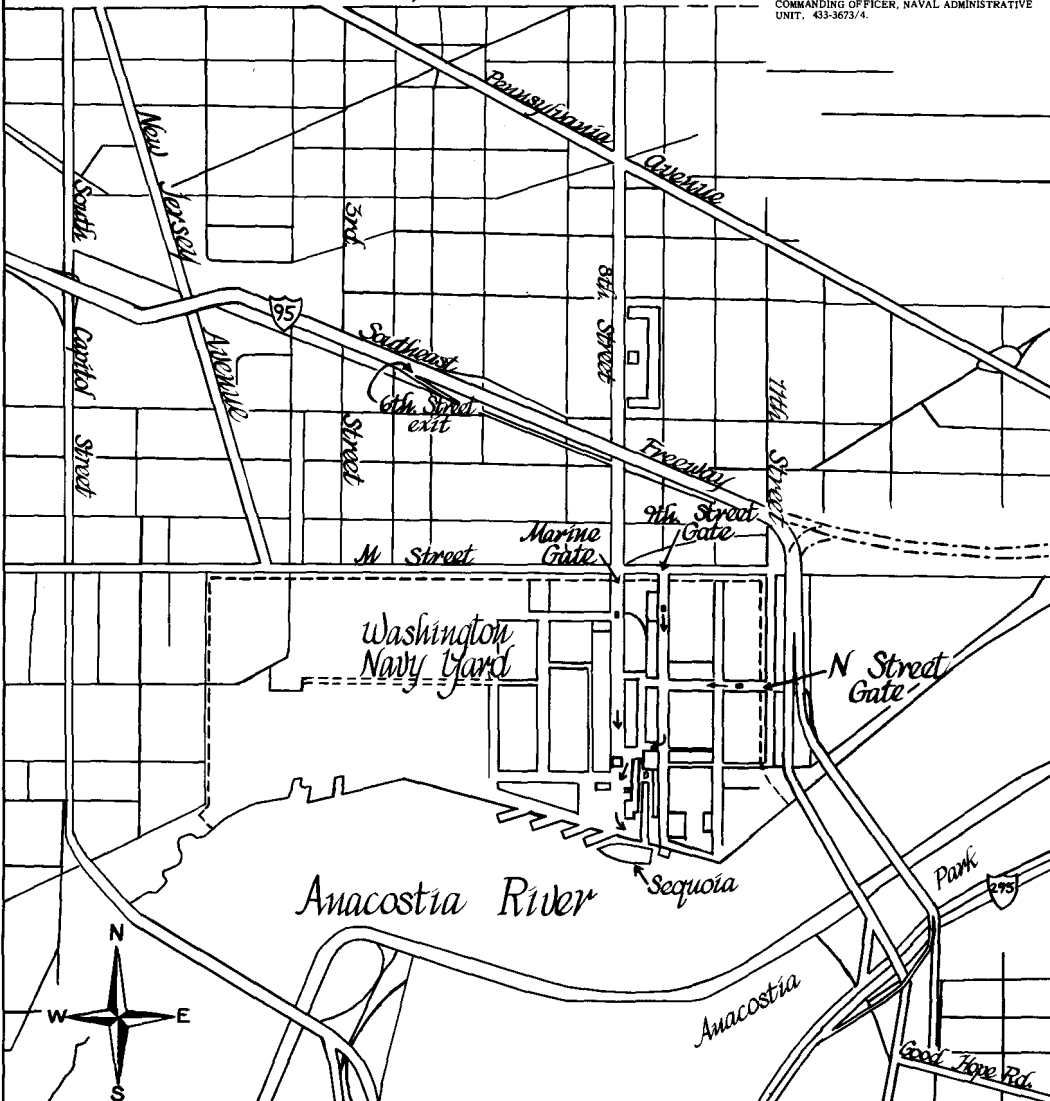
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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 26, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DONALD RUMSFELD  
FROM: BILL GULLEY  
SUBJECT: SEQUOIA

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Sequoia

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 2, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES E. CONNOR  
FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF *M. 6.*  
SUBJECT: Involvement of Presidential Appointees  
with Senior White House Staff

With regard to your May 1 memorandum I would like to propose hosting a Sequoia Cruise the week of May 19 for all of the Congressional Relations Directors from the various departments and agencies. I am attaching a list of those whom I would invite.

P.S. — Join, preferably the  
night of the 19<sup>th</sup>

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Action	Harry Hogan
Agriculture	John Foltz
AID	Dennis Neal
Commerce	Jim Sparling
Defense	John Maury
Environmental Protection Agency	Robert Ryan
Federal Energy Admin.	Paul Cyr
GSA	Ken Duberstein
HEW	Steve Kurzman
HUD	Sol Mosher
Interior	John Kyl
Justice	Mike Uhlmann
Labor	Jim Hogue
NASA	Gerald Griffin
OEO	Leighton Sattler
SBA	Hal Griffin
State	Robert McCloskey
Transportation	Ray Warner
Treasury	Fred Webber
USIA	Ed Hidalgo
Veterans Admin.	Ed Arnold
Energy, Res. & Dev. Agency	Holly Cantus
American Rev. Bicentennial Admin.	Duke Zeller

Nuclear Regulatory Comm.

Carlton Kammerer

*SMITHSONIAN*

*MARGARET GAYNOR*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DONALD RUMSFELD  
VIA: DR. JAMES CONNOR  
FROM: TERRY O'DONNELL  
SUBJECT: The SEQUOIA

BACKGROUND DATA

1. Dates of Availability

April 1 to October 31 (For the President)  
May 1 to September 30 (For others)

2. Accommodations and Entertainment Costs

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*Buffet  
Lunch  
40*

3. Comfort Factors

Air-conditioned  
Hi Fi System  
Comfortable chairs and seating arrangements above and  
below deck

4. Communications

Excellent

5. Food and Drink Service

Provided by the White House Mess

6. Accessibility to White House

10-minute drive from the White House

7. Operational Statistics and Cruising Speed

6-gallons diesel fuel per hour at normal cruising  
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The Cabinet Secretary handled these bookings.

3. First Lady - The First Lady sponsored afternoon cruises for certain charitable or volunteer organizations, and particularly deserving groups (i. e.) handicapped children, senior citizens, volunteers, retarded children, etc. Generally, the cruise would run from 1 to 3:00 p. m. with a light lunch.

Since frequently the groups were also on tour at the White House, Mike Farrell's office handled these bookings in conjunction with the First Lady.

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### PAYMENT

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DOES THE PRESIDENT WANT A YACHT?

Before deciding on a plan for using the SEQUOIA, the President might want to consider giving up the yacht. If the President and Mrs. Ford do not enjoy cruising on the SEQUOIA and do not foresee occasions when they might wish to use the boat for official entertainment, perhaps consideration should be given to placing the SEQUOIA "in mothballs" or selling her.

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OPTIONS

1. Mothball SEQUOIA - Would involve some "minimal" maintenance funds.

PRO: - Would save approximately \$600,000 a year; would result in some good publicity.

CON - Would deprive the Cabinet and senior staff from using the boat to the President's advantage; would deprive worthy groups from using the boat under the First Lady's afternoon cruise program.

2. Deactivate the Boat and Offer it for Public Sale - Apply proceeds to purchase of smaller and inexpensively maintained yacht. The maintenance of an old yacht such as the SEQUOIA with all its woodwork and trim is extremely expensive compared to the newer steel and fiberglass models.

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4. Keep the SEQUOIA Operational - Recommended guidelines for usage set forth below.

APPROVE OPTION 1 \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVE OPTION 3 \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVE OPTION 2 \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVE OPTION 4 \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If Option 2 is seriously considered, Captain Kollmorgen should prepare an estimate of receipts and expenditures for the transaction, a description of the type of yacht that could be purchased, etc.

RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES FOR USE

If Option 4 has been chosen (Keep the SEQUOIA Operational), the following are the recommended guidelines for her use.



WHO MAY HOST GROUPS ON THE SEQUOIA

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COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

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Use by the Cabinet, staff and other government officials must be limited by the perspective use of the President. Clearly, on nights when the President's schedule is committed to other activities, the SEQUOIA is available and there is no problem involved in booking it. The question is, what about the President's free nights?

The answer to this question will, of course, depend on how often the President plans to use the boat.

One way to handle this is to reserve the boat for the President one or two nights a week in case he should decide to go out at the last minute.

Another alternative would be for the schedule office to raise the question three weeks in advance and if the President said no to a particular date, it would be available for others. The only problem with this is that it would limit the President's ability to take advantage of a nice evening and go out at the last minute.

COMMENTS

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 8, 1975

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PRO - A beautiful and gracious way to entertain, to discuss government affairs, to influence groups to support Administration domestic and foreign policy; even if the President doesn't use the boat often, it can be used effectively to his advantage by the Cabinet, the Congressional Office, the staff, etc.; provides a good way for the President to relax; a potentially great asset in place and not the subject of any criticism or debate.

CON - None, other than the continuation of maintenance and personnel expenses. These have never drawn any serious criticism or attention.

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COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_



THE KEY QUESTION

To use the boat effectively when the President is not using her, the Cabinet and staff need to lock up dates far enough in advance to plan for the outing and extend invitations, particularly when dealing with out of town guests.

This raises the key question of how often the President will use the boat. In the past, whenever the President was in town and did not have another commitment, the boat was held just in case he decided to go out at the last minute. This resulted in the SEQUOIA not being used most of the time.

One way to handle this is to reserve the boat for the President one or two free nights a week in case he should decide to go out at the last minute, and let others use it the remainder of the week.

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COMMENTS

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

9 May 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR Captain Leland S. Kollmorgen, USN  
Military Assistant to the President  
The White House

The Secretary of Defense desires to invite the Members of the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee and their wives for an evening cruise and dinner on the Sequoia during the month of June. The following dates should be excluded from consideration - 3-5 June and the week of 13-21 June. It is my understanding that no more than forty (40) people would be invited by the Secretary, including House Members and wives and Defense personnel.

Please advise.

*Thomas K. Latimer*  
Thomas K. Latimer  
The Special Assistant

*Jim Cannon*  
*approve*  
*disapprove*

*per subject to repeat date*

*Bill Gulley*



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR  
FROM: DICK CHENEY



Attached is the memo on the Sequoia.

It has been in and I've dictated to you a separate memo on its utilization. Come back to me after you've got a plan for maximizing its use.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR  
FROM: DICK CHENEY  
SUBJECT: SEQUOIA

Jim, we definitely do want to keep the boat in service this year and we would like to use it from time-to-time for working dinners and with dignitaries, either from the U. S. or abroad.

You ought to think about using it for a Goldwin Seminar. Tell Goldwin that and get him thinking about how we might most effectively use it. We could provide for about a three hour trip, which would be ideal, do it some evening, keep the group small and we wouldn't have the problems we had with sound and so forth at the Cabinet Meeting.

The President will not end up using it at the very last minute. That is, we'll know a few days in advance as to whether or not he's going to use it, so it will be possible for others to make firm decisions and commitments say three days in advance of the sailing date.

The Cabinet should definitely be able to use it. That should include those senior White House staff members who are members of the Cabinet.

We do not want to treat it like we do the Kennedy Center Box where we allocate a certain number of days to the Congressional Shop or to the Baroody or Friedersdorf operation.

If someone wants to use it, they'll have to submit for approval each time, and I'd want that to come up to me for sign off unless a Cabinet Member has requested it.

Finally, you ought to sit down with Jones and maybe some other people and see if you can come up with some creative ways to use it to help the President.

May 15, 1975

TO: Bill Gulley

FBBM: Jim Connor

RE: Request for Sequoia

Per Don Rumsfeld Frank Zarb has been approved to use the Sequoia. Would you let me know which of the dates listed is the best; the 9th would be preferable if available. Thanks.

encl.

OK: [Signature] by Gulley -  
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FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20461

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

May 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES CONNOR

FROM: FRANK G. ZARB *FZ*

As per our discussion I would like to invite the following and their wives for a voyage on the Sequoia:

Al Ullman  
John Dingell  
Clarence Brown  
Herman Schneebeli  
Barber Conable  
John Pastore  
Jim Wright  
Max Friedersdorf  
John Marsh

I have listed several dates for scheduling convenience:

June 9  
June 10  
June 11  
June 17  
June 23



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

20 MAY 1975

*Jim Connor*

MEMORANDUM FOR Captain Leland S. Kollmorgen USN  
Military Assistant to the President  
The White House

Reference is made to your memo of 12 May 1975 regarding use of the Sequoia to entertain members of Congress.

Either the 24th or 26th of June would be acceptable. Please advise me if one of these can be accommodated.

*Thomas K. Latimer*  
Thomas K. Latimer  
The Special Assistant

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 21, 1975

TO: BILL GULLEY

FROM: JIM CONNOR

RE: Use of Sequoia by  
Secretary Schlesinger

I recommend approval for either the 24th or 26th, as it seems unlikely the President would require it either of these days.

encl.





OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

May 30, 1975

Honorable James Connor  
Secretary to the Cabinet  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Dr. Connor:

This will confirm my telephone call to your office requesting your approval for Secretary Coleman to use the Sequoia the evening of June 19, 1975, for the purpose of hosting a reception for the White House Fellows.

Dr. William Hamilton, White House Fellow, will be coordinating this reception for Secretary Coleman.

Sincerely,

W. T. Leland  
Lieutenant Commander, USCG  
Military Aide to the Secretary

OK'd by  
JCE  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 3, 1975



TO: Bill Gulley

FROM: Jim Connor

Re: Sequoia

Secretary Coleman's office (specifically Cmdr. Ted Leland -426-1111) says he was told in a telephone call last Friday, May 30th, by Commander Todd that the Sequoia was available for June 19th and as a result wrote the letter to us requesting it. Obviously, there was a mix-up.

In any case Coleman would now like to use the Sequoia for the same purpose for the 24th of June. As I recall this was one of the dates that Secretary Schlesinger had requested it. Would you let us know, please, if the Sequoia is available on the 24th for Secretary Coleman. Thank you.

Encls.

p. s. - Could you let us know who is using the Sequoia on the 19th?

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
D.C. 20590



June 3, 1975

MEMO FOR: J. E. CONNOR  
FROM: W. L. GULLEY

May 30, 1975

Sorry . . . the SEQUOIA has been  
scheduled for this date for quite  
sometime.

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Telephone call to your office  
for Secretary Coleman to  
beginning of June 19, 1975, for  
a reception for the White

White House Fellow, will be  
reception for Secretary Coleman.

Sincerely,

W. T. Leland  
Lieutenant Commander, USCG  
Military Aide to the Secretary

To: Military Aide's Office

The above is approved for Secretary Coleman.

J. E. Connor  
Secretary to the Cabinet  
May 31, 1975



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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. T. Leland", is written over the typed name.

W. T. Leland  
Lieutenant Commander, USCG  
Military Aide to the Secretary

To: Military Aide's Office

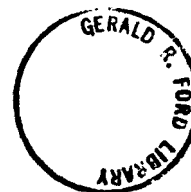
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J. E. Connor  
Secretary to the Cabinet  
May 31, 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1975



MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES CONNOR

FROM: DOUGLAS P. BENNETT

DPB

SUBJECT: Sequoia

Pursuant to our conversation earlier this afternoon, I would like to request the use of the Sequoia for my staff (approximately 40 people) one evening during the week of June 23. I hope we can work out something on this. Many thanks.

June 11, 1975

TO: Bill Cuff

FROM: Jim Connor

I recommend Doug be allowed to use the Sequoia as requested. According to our records, the Sequoia is available June 25th, 26th and 27th. Bennett's request is for the Personnel Office, which he takes over as of June 12th, therefore, you can contact him on 2995 after the 12th. The date he prefers is Friday, June 27th. Thanks.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 13, 1975



MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR

FROM: MARGITA E. WHITE *mau*

Ron Nessen would like to reserve the Sequoia one evening during the week of July 7, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., for a working meeting/reception for the top public affairs officers in the departments and agencies.

Ron will be hosting the meeting and I will make the arrangements. Please let me know if the Sequoia can be used for this purpose during that week and, if so, with whom I should coordinate the details.

cc: Ron Nessen

June 14, 1975

TO: MARGITA A. WHITE

FROM: JIM CONNOR *JC*

The use of the Sequoia for the above purpose is approved for Tuesday, July 8th. Please coordinate details with Bill Cuff of the Military Aide's office (2153). If you have to change the date or cancel, please let us and Bill know immediately. Thank you.

cc: Bill Cuff, Military Aide's office, East Wing  
Ron Nessen

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 17, 1975



MEMORANDUM TO: MAX FRIEDERSDORF  
FROM: JIM CONNOR

In the future we will notify you and Jack Marsh whenever we book the Sequoia for Congressional groups for other offices or Cabinet. For the record the July schedule shows the following:

- July 12 - The Attorney General, House Judiciary Cmte. members
- July 15 - Don Rumsfeld - SOS Group
- July 25 - Frank Zarb (this was requested through Kendell's shop)

cc: *Marsh*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 15, 1975



MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CONNOR

FROM:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

*M.F.*

SUBJECT:

Sequoia

It would be helpful to Jack Marsh and myself if you could let us know about Congressional groups being guests on the Sequoia on occasions other than those hosted by this office.

Many thanks.

cc: Jack Marsh

*To E.*  
*OK*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR

FROM: PHIL BUCHEN

*P.W.B.*

My office has checked and finds that the Sequoia is available on Friday, September 5; therefore, I would like to reserve the Sequoia for that evening for a farewell party for William Casselman.

To: Bill Cuff

From: Jim Connor

It is ok to schedule this.

7/23/75

bcc: Mr. Buchen



PRESIDENTIAL CLEMENCY BOARD  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

August 8, 1975

*Call*  
*634-4812*  
*Emlyn*

MEMORANDUM TO : DR. JAMES E. CONNOR  
FROM : *Charles E. Goodell, Chm*  
SENATOR CHARLES E. GOODELL  
SUBJECT : USE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL YACHT  
SEQUOIA

As you may be aware, the Presidential Clemency Board will terminate its activities within the next six weeks. Board Members and senior staff have been working unusual hours in order to accomplish the President's goal of completing the work by September 15. In an effort to reward them and to increase morale generally, I would like to request the use of the Sequoia for a Potomac cruise some time during August. I understand that the Presidential Yacht can be made available to White House staff when the President is not using it. Kindly inform me as to whether we can use the Sequoia and what dates it might be available. Thank you for your help in this matter.

*Bob Horn:*

*634-4816*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 8, 1975

TO: JACK MARSH  
MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM: JIM CONNOR

For your information, Carla Hills has requested the use of the Sequoia for September 12th and September 16th. The 12th would be for the Senate Housing Committee, and the 16th would be for the House Committee. If you need further information, the contact at HUD is Debbi Jones on 755-6238.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 22, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: PAT LINDH  
FROM: JIM CONNOR

Pat, I'm sorry we will have to turn down this request. The regulations on use of Sequoia require that the affair be hosted by a Cabinet member or one of equivalent rank, i. e. Rumsfeld or Jack Marsh. In addition, because of the extensive use of the Sequoia by Marsh during July and scheduled use in September for Congressional sessions, we probably won't have any funds left to pay for something like this.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR

FROM: PAT LINDH 

VIA: BILL BAROODY 

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Enclosure

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 5, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR  
FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF M.B.  
SUBJECT: Sequoia Trips

Pursuant to your request, the following are the Sequoia trips and identifying groups.

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- July 9 - Senior Majority and Minority Professional Staff Members of Standing Committees in the Senate (REPUBLICAN & DEMOCRAT)
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- 7 September 9 - Half of the House Republican Sophomore Class (REPUBLICAN)
- September 10 - Chairmen of the Standing House Committees (DEMOCRAT)
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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(REPUBLICAN)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

4:00 p.m.  
September 19, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES E. CONNOR

THRU: WILLIAM BAROODY, JR. *WBS*

FROM: STANLEY S. SCOTT *SSS*

SUBJECT: Presidential Yacht

The fifth annual Black Caucus Dinner, scheduled for The Washington Hilton Hotel, September 27, will attract some 3,000 guests. The objective of this Democratic-oriented event, of course, is to gain political mileage.

Jim, in the past, our office has provided workshops, outings on the Presidential Yacht and receptions for those Black Republicans who journey to Washington to attend the Caucus dinner.



We are hopeful that the Presidential Yacht, ~~Sequoia~~, could be made available on Saturday, September 27, from noon until 4 p.m., so that we might caucus with Black Presidential appointees and some of our key Black Republicans who will be in town for the Congressional Black Caucus dinner. Would appreciate a response ASAP for planning purposes.

Jim, thanks.

Attachment

*Yacht not available  
+ 7 cc.*

*NO/*

# Black Caucus dinner expects 3,000; guest list is extensive

The fifth annual Black Caucus Dinner, to be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. Sept. 26-27 will honor two outstanding Americans, Paul Robeson, eminent composer, singer, and humanitarian, and Joe Louis, former heavyweight champion of the world.

Attending will be the 17 members of the Congressional Black Caucus. Chairpersons are: I. W. Abel, president, United Steel Workers of America; the Honorable Patricia Robert Harris, former U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg; Ralph A. Weller, Chairman of the Board of Otis Elevator Co. Congressman Charles B. Rangel of New York serves the Caucus as its chairman. The keynote speaker will be Benjamin L. Hooks, of the

Federal Communications Commission; Hal Jackson, Vice President of WBLS Radio, N.Y.C. will be the master of ceremonies.

Some 3,000 invited guests are expected to attend.

In addition to the special recognition of the two outstanding black Americans, the Caucus will also present its annual awards: the William Dawson award for Legislative Development, Adam Clayton Powell award for political achievement, and the George Collins award for community service.

Entertainment for the dinner will be the O'Jays, contributed by Gamble, Huff and Bell.

The Congressional Black Caucus and the Joint Center for Political Study will conduct an all-day workshop

under the theme of "From-Changing Structures to Using Structures" (1876-1976).

The evening of the 26th, Gamble, Huff and Bell of Philadelphia Int., Inc. will present a benefit concert. Entertainers include Harold Melvin and the Bluenotes, M.F.S.B., Billy Paul and People's Choice. The concert is to be held at Capital Center, in Landover, Md.

Tables for the dinner are priced at \$1,000. Tickets for the dinner are priced at \$100 per person. Proceeds from the dinner are used to underwrite the legislative research activities and programs carried on by the Congressional Black Caucus staff. The objective of the Black Caucus is to utilize the legislative process to bring about full equality for all Americans.

SEP 19 1975

Captain L. S. Kollmorgen, U.S.N.  
Military Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Captain Kollmorgen:

Last evening I had the pleasure of hosting several Senators, Senate staff and their spouses and some of my own staff on a cruise on board the Sequoia. In spite of a bit of inclement weather, the crew and staff of the Sequoia made the cruise most enjoyable.

Please pass along to Lt. Cdr. John L. O'Brien, Captain of the Sequoia, and Master Chief Dionisio A. Gabriel, Steward, my sincere appreciation for a job well done.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Carla A. Hills

Carla A. Hills

cc:

Dr. James Connors

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
COUNCIL ON WAGE AND PRICE STABILITY

726 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

September 25, 1975

*Jim Jones*

MEMORANDUM FOR: ~~Jerry Jones~~

FROM: Michael H. Moskow *MM*  
Director, Council on Wage and  
Price Stability

SUBJECT: Presidential Yacht

I would like to request the use of the Presidential Yacht Sequoia for an evening cruise with cocktail buffet for a meeting between the members and senior staff of the Council on Wage and Price Stability and selected Congressmen.

If this is acceptable, please have your office contact Morris Feibusch of my staff at 456-6757 to arrange the details.

*not available  
this month*

*called "no"  
9/30*



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 25, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DICK CHENEY ✓

FROM:

DON RUMSFELD

Please see me on this Sequoia list so we can discuss  
it.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
September 24, 1975

MEMEORANDUM FOR: DONALD RUMSFELD

FROM: PETE ROUSSEL

SUBJECT: Guest List for the DR-Hosted  
Sequoia Cruise, October 2, 1975

Don Rumsfeld's Office:

M/M Don Rumsfeld	(2)
M/M Dick Cheney	(2)
Lee Goodell	(1)
Brenda Williams	<del>(1)</del>
Phyllis Luther	(1)
Pete Roussel	(1)
Judy Wilson	(1)
M/M Albert Rippie	<del>(2)</del>
Kathie Berger	(1)
M/M Robert Goldwin	(2)
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Jim Connor's Office:

M/M Jim Connor	(2)
M/M Dave Hoopes	(2)
M/M Mike Farrell	(2)
M/M Bob Linder	(2)
M/M Trudy Fry	(2)
Sara Currence	(1)
Eleanor Connors	<del>(1)</del>
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Jerry Jones' Office:

Jerry Jones	(1)
Diana Gwinn	(1)
M/M Warren Rustand	(2)
M/M Red Cavenay	(2)
M/M Terry O'Donnell	(2)
M/M Fred Ursomarso	(2)
M/M Elizabeth MacBeth	(2)
M/M Nell Yates	(2)
	<u>14</u>

other - M/M Christian - 2



As of 8/2/76

Costs for dinners on Sequoia:

(estimates only - actual costs depend on prices of food when ordered, and this can change depending on certain vegetables in season, meat prices, etc.)

Sit down dinner - limit 22 - including cocktails & hors d'oeuvres prior to dinner, wine with dinner and liqueur or champagne afterwards - approximately \$15.00 per person (note 20 is preferred to 22 because of shape of table) Other table arrangements (rectangular) can accommodate 4 to 14, with 12 being preferred. (\$approximately \$330) for 22

buffet dinner - limit 40 - including cocktails & hors d'oeuvres, 2 entrees, wine with dinner, and dessert (and vegetables and salad) \$9 to \$10 per person (\$ approximately \$400 for 40)

Just cocktails and hors d'oeuvres limit 40 - \$6 to \$8 per person (usually because the hors d'oeuvres ordered are the most expensive, the jumbo shrimp for example and the shisk kebabs)

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Costs for dinner at Blair House:

A dinner at Blair House during the week costs between \$25 to \$30 per person. This covers everything, cocktails to liqueur. The maximum number of people who can be served at sit down dinner is 40. If a dinner is given on the week-end, costs go up because of over-time, time and a half, etc. costs.

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\$ 01000.00 or \$1200 (Blair House for 40 - \$550 or \$660 (Blair House for 22)

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Blair House:

for sit down-22 \$550 or \$660

for sit down 40 \$1000 or 1200

Sequoia:

for sit down-22 \$330.00

for buffet 40 \$400

