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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 17, 1976

Bicentennial File

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CANNON

FROM: JACK MARSH

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Let's get together sometime today and talk about the matter that you mentioned to me briefly in reference to the Bicentennial program.



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TO: JIM CANNON

FROM: JOHN O. MARSH, JR.

_____ For Direct Reply

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MEMORANDUM FOR: BICENTENNIAL PLANNERS

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JACK MARSH *Jack*

Following are certain facts and information in reference to the observance of the Sesquicentennial of American Independence in 1926.

1. The President designated the week of June 28-July 5 as American Independence Week, called for the Nation to observe it as such. It called on a renewal of fidelity to the fundamental principles of the Declaration of Independence and recognition to Thomas Jefferson. The Independence Week was promulgated on the 28th of June 1926.
2. Observance of the week began with the ringing of bells throughout the Nation at 11:11 a.m. National exercises were held in Charlottesville on July 3, 4 and 5. These observances occurred at the University of Virginia and at Monticello, which was designated a national patriotic shrine. The major address at Monticello was made by the Secretary of State, Frank Kellogg.
3. The Commission recommended that April 13 of each year should be celebrated as the birthday of Thomas Jefferson.
4. The Commission recommended that it continue in support of a nation-wide effort to raise funds for the preservation of Monticello. Apparently, the restoration of Monticello would be one the principal events to come out of the Sesquicentennial.



5. The Commission recommended the construction of an appropriate shrine in Washington to Thomas Jefferson.
6. The Commission agreed that it would adopt a program for American Independence Week. The Chairman of the Commission was directed to send letters to Governors, Mayors and patriotic citizens throughout the country urging a nation-wide observance of the week on behalf of the National Education Committee so that the week prior to Independence Day would be celebrated as "Appropriate Patriotic Educational Manner and every man, woman and child hereforth give the opportunity to witness the ceremony to be known as the 'Echo of the Liberty Bell" and to pronounce the official "Patriots Pledge of Faith. "
7. The National Jefferson Centennial Committee recommended the following program:
 - a. A Pilgrimage for Jefferson's Gig -- This was to be a motorcade escort of the one horse carriage from Monticello to Philadelphia which carriage Jefferson rode in to Philadelphia.
 - b. Sunday, July 4th be observed as Jefferson Memorial Day to commemorate the 100th anniversary of his death.
 - c. American Independence Day would be observed on Monday, July 5th.
 - d. A private tour sponsored by the Jefferson Foundation to take an United States Birthday Party tour of Europe be organized.
8. In the report of the Chairman of the Jefferson Foundation he states the preservation of Mount Vernon was intended to be "a birthday gift to the Nation" in honor of the Sesquicentennial. As a part of that there would be prepared a birthday book of all contributors to the Foundation.



9. There are solid indicators as part of the Sesquicentennial ceremonies there was established the National Capitol Parks. Also the Congress authorized \$50,000,000 for the construction of government office buildings between the Lincoln Monument and Capitol Hill. These are major Departmental buildings along Constitution Avenue today. It is interesting to note it was anticipated that a substantial number of these buildings authorized in 1926 would be completed by 1932 in order to mark the Bicentennial of George Washington's birth. This reference appears in official documents relating to the Sesquicentennial.

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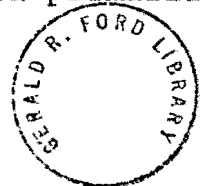
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Proposal to add to Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park 16,000 plus acres from the adjacent National Forest. The area in question is presently under consideration for development as a ski area by Walt Disney, Inc. Major nationwide conservation community issue.

- Sawtooth - White Clouds

Proposal to create in Idaho an 1,018,300 acre National Park and National Recreation area primarily from National Forest lands.



- New River, N.C. - to make a 26.5 mile segment a component of the Wild and Scenic River System.
- Delaware River National Recreation Area and Deauthorization of Tocks Island Dam.

Proposal to deauthorize the Tocks Island Dam and authorize the National Park Service to acquire those lands purchased by the Corps of Engineers for the flood pool. These lands would be added to NPS holdings in the Delaware National Recreation Area.

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 - A. Proposal to extend the authority of Section 3e of the Redwoods National Park Act to enable the Secretary to regulate those land-use practices on private lands adjacent to the Park which threaten Park resources.
 - B. Proposal to acquire control by fee acquisition 48,000 acre zone of influence around Redwood Creek Corridor which Alternate A proposed to achieve through regulation.
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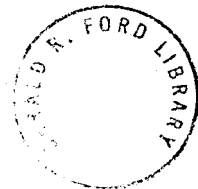
- Platte River Refuge

Proposed establishment of about 65,000 acres as a wildlife refuge to preserve habitat critical to the endangered whooping crane, the sandhill crane and the white-fronted goose and as a spring migration resting sanctuary for nearly 1 million ducks and geese.

- Alaska D2 Withdrawals

Proposals to double the National Park Service holdings and also the National Wildlife Refuge holdings also languish on the Hill.

cc: Jim Connor
Paul O'Neill
Dave Gergen
Jim Reichley



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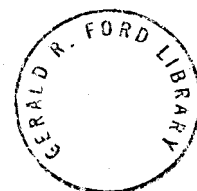
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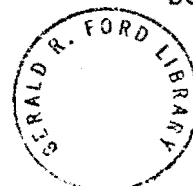
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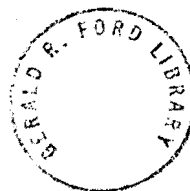
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- Mineral King

Proposal to add to Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park. 16,000 plus acres from the adjacent National Forest. The area in question is presently under consideration for development as a ski area by Walt Disney, Inc. Major nationwide conservation community issue.

- Sawtooth - White Clouds

Proposal to create in Idaho an 1,018,300 acre National Park and National Recreation area primarily from National Forest lands.

- New River, N.C. - to make a 26.5 mile segment a component of the Wild and Scenic River System.



- Delaware River National Recreation Area and Deauthorization of Tocks Island Dam.

Proposal to deauthorize the Tocks Island Dam and authorize the National Park Service to acquire those lands purchased by the Corps of Engineers for the flood pool. These lands would be added to NPS holdings in the Delaware National Recreation Area.

- Redwoods

- A. Proposal to extend the authority of Section 3e of the Redwoods National Park Act to enable the Secretary to regulate those land-use practices on private lands adjacent to the Park which threaten Park resources.
- B. Proposal to acquire control by fee acquisition 48,000 acre zone of influence around Redwood Creek Corridor which Alternate A proposed to achieve through regulation.
- C. Proposal to acquire all the remaining uncut stands of Redwood within the Redwood Creek Basin, and the entire drainages of Skunk Cabbage, Lost Man, and May Creek.

- Platte River Refuge

Proposed establishment of about 65,000 acres as a wildlife refuge to preserve habitat critical to the endangered whooping crane, the sandhill crane and the white-fronted goose and as a spring migration resting sanctuary for nearly 1 million ducks and geese.

- Alaska D2 Withdrawals

Proposals to double the National Park Service holdings and also the National Wildlife Refuge holdings also languish on the Hill.

cc: Art Quern



This is another ground in Pennsylvania that we cannot further
dedicate nor hallow.

Those who died here did not die amid the sounds of battle, ~~yet~~
rather they would succumb in the silent ordeal of winter. Yet their
courage and sacrifice and suffering were no less real, no less
meaningful than those who manned the battlements of Bunker Hill
or scaled the parapets of Yorktown.

They came here in the snows of winter in a trail that marked
an Army's march by the blood that came from rag-bound feet.

Here around fires of the winter camp was kept burning the light
of liberty. This was not a place of flying pennants or stirring
parades. Rather it was a place of enduring faith and constant prayer.

Something happened at Valley Forge. That ragged, wretched,
starving Army here emerged, and changed in a way that can be
sensed but not fully described.



When the Winter of '76 gave way to the Spring of '77, its agony and ordeal had left its mark on the Continental Line. Eleven thousand had come here in the latter days of December. When the Spring had melted the snows of Winter and the green had come to the Pennsylvania countryside, four thousand of our forebearers would sleep forever in the rolling hills of Valley Forge and become a silent bivouac of the dead.

In the early spring they marched from here on a dirt road in Pennsylvania that would take them finally to Yorktown and into the pages of history, unaware of the greatness they had done.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DECISION

June 24, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES M. CANNON
FROM: JUDITH RICHARDS HOPE *JRH*
SUBJECT: Bicentennial Review of Ships,
New York Harbor

The Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, Admiral Siler, has invited me to represent the White House on board the Coast Guard Cutter Morgenthau on July 4 when the official review of the tall ships will take place.

I would be honored to accept his invitation if you think this is an activity which I should undertake.

APPROVE

JRH
Grant

DISAPPROVE _____



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 29, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: ROBERT T. HARTMANN
FROM: JIM CANNON *JC*
SUBJECT: Comments on The President's
Bicentennial Series



SPEECH #1 AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM

General Comment

This speech does carry the sense of excitement and discovery that moved this country from its beginnings. However, too many different people are quoted in this speech. I suggest you leave out Gertrude Stein and Thoreau. Neither quote is essential.

Page 1, Paragraph 3

The phrase "practical powered flight" seems cumbersome to me. I suggest "~~The~~ story of the age of flight ..."

Page 2

In the paragraph beginning "From Samuel", I believe the Viking landing time has been changed from the 4th of July. It occurs to me that since the Langley point is negative, and the Viking will not land on time, you might drop this paragraph. It reads very well without it.

Page 7, paragraph 1

Paragraph 1 beginning "Today we know ..." seems too general in nature. I think this paragraph could be dropped.

Page 8

I suggest we tighten the ending by dropping the text after the Jefferson quote and adding: "I see an America that builds on its past and looks always to the future."

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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM TO: ROBERT T. HARTMANN
FROM: JIM CANNON *Jim*
SUBJECT: Comments on The President's
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SPEECH #2 NATIONAL ARCHIVES

General Comment

Good but too long.

Page 2, Paragraph 2

I think it would be a mistake to suggest that the Constitution will be "virtually unrecognizable" in 100 to 200 years. After 187 years in use, the extraordinary fact is that the Constitution is so little changed.

Page 3

I think it would be better not to relate this speech to the Museum Speech of the day previous. It seems contrived to me.

Page 4

The suggestion of a "time vehicle" seems contrived to me. I suggest "If we look back to 1787, we see ..."

Pages 5 and 6

The middle paragraph on page 5, and the first two paragraphs on page 6, are unclear to me, and I think unnecessary.

Page 7

The sentence at the top of page 7 is excellent.



Page 7 continued

The last half of the page, beginning with "What does ...," seems to me to be repetitive of earlier material. I think this could be dropped.

SPEECH #3 KENNEDY CENTER

There are excellent ideas in the paragraphs here, but I would suggest some re-arrangement.

For the evening occasion at the Kennedy Center, I would start with the paragraph on page 3 that begins "There are times for solemn ceremonies ..." and continue for the balance of that paragraph, and the following two paragraphs, ending "America has it all."

Then I would pick up the first paragraph of your present draft, beginning "the United States is probably ..."



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SPEECH #4 VALLEY FORGE



General Comments

The words fit well to the sacrifice that was made by Washington and his men at Valley Forge. The words and the flow reach the high level intended for the Bicentennial Series.

Page 1

The third paragraph is puzzling and negative. I think it should be dropped. The sixth paragraph changes the mood, and I would drop it and the top of page 2.

Page 2

I do not understand why you use an anecdote about a Yankee at Concord in the Valley Forge Speech. The colonial distance between Concord and Valley Forge was considerable. And the colloquial language of the Concord veteran seems light-hearted when put up against the sacrifice at Valley Forge.

Page 5

The paragraph beginning "The sturdy wagon train" seems out of place here.

The last paragraph on the page and the paragraphs on page 6 seem to me to bring in too many new ideas, e.g., self-government, prairie schooners headed west, prosperity and institutional reform.

It seems to me that the Valley Forge speech should focus entirely on the sacrifice and the symbolism it has for our history.

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June 29, 1976

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FROM: JIM CANNON *J.C.*
SUBJECT: Comments on The President's
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SPEECH #5 INDEPENDENCE HALL

General Comments

This speech is much too long and discursive. It seems to me it should focus on Independence Hall as the place of independence and liberty, and as the place of the Declaration and the Constitution.

Page 1

The Lincoln appearance, on the eve of the Civil War, seems out of place in the beginning. I think President Ford could appropriately begin "I feel both pride and humility ..."

Page 4

The details about what happened to some of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence seem extraneous to me in a Presidential address.

I think we should leave out the paragraph at the bottom of page 4, all of page 5 and the first two paragraphs of page 6.

Page 10, Paragraph 3

The third paragraph beginning "Later" strikes me as awkward -- in that you mention some of the amendments but not others.

Page 11

The section beginning with the paragraph at the bottom of the page sounds like a political attack on big government. I think we should leave it out.

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WASHINGTON

June 29, 1976

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FROM: JIM CANNON *Jm*
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SPEECH #6 MONTICELLO

General Comments

The tone and quality of this speech is very high. It is excellent, with the exception of several extraneous elements.

Page 5

The second paragraph beginning "Tulip festivals ..."
seems extraneous to me and could be cut.

Page 7

The last paragraph beginning "Black is beautiful ..."
seems out of place and should be cut.

Page 8

In the second paragraph the reference to Virgil's comment
about colors seems hard to grasp.

