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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. *def*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 7, 1975

Mr. President:

Next week is the week you indicated that John Hersey, the novelist and your former Yale classmate, spend considerable time with you for a long profile for the New York Times' magazine to be published around May 1.

As Hersey told you when he came for a visit one Friday evening, his story will deal with your personality and style rather than any hard news events which may occur during the week. I need some decisions on the following specific requests by Hersey:

1. He would like to spend as much time as possible in the Oval Office while you are holding meetings.

APPROVE: *MR 9*

DISAPPROVE: _____

OTHER:

2. For those meetings or portions of meetings which you don't think he should hear you could suggest that he wait outside with Terry O'Donnell

APPROVE: *MR 9*

DISAPPROVE: _____

OTHER:

3. He would like to spend some time with you on either Sunday, March 9 or Sunday, March 16 as you relax with casual weekend activities.

Sunday, March 9

APPROVE: _____

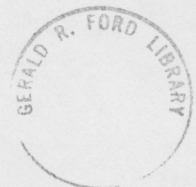
DISAPPROVE: _____

Sunday, March 16

APPROVE: *MR 9*

DISAPPROVE: _____

OTHER:



4. He would like to spend at least one evening with you during a typical relaxed family evening at home.

APPROVE: MC7

DISAPPROVE: _____

OTHER:

5. He would like to sit in on Don Rumsfeld's 8:00 a.m. senior staff meeting, probably Monday, March 10.

APPROVE: MC7

DISAPPROVE: _____

OTHER:

6. He would like to sit in on your own series of meetings with your staff: General Scowcroft, Bob Hartmann, Don Rumsfeld, Jack Marsh, Ron Nessen, etc.

APPROVE: MC7

DISAPPROVE: _____

OTHER:

7. He would like a letter from you authorizing the University of Michigan and Yale to show him your college academic records.

APPROVE: MC7

DISAPPROVE: _____

OTHER:

8. I have assigned Larry Speakes of my staff to stick with Hersey for next week to help him.

APPROVE: MC7

DISAPPROVE: _____

Hersey is a serious writer who intends to do a long serious profile on you similar to the one he did on Harry Truman, which you read one weekend at Camp David.

I recommend that he be allowed to do most of what he requests. Since he is not very interested in hard news and his article will not appear until about May 1, I don't think there should be much concern about him overhearing sensitive matters. However, as far as seeing your school records, I am inclined to think you should say no.

Ron Nessen
RON NESSEN



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN

FROM: JERRY H. JONES 

The attached memorandum was returned in the President's outbox with the following approvals:

1. Approved.
2. Approved.
3. Sunday, March 16 approved.
4. Approved.
5. Approved.
6. Approved.
7. Approved.
8. Approved.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

