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Medal of Freedom

November 15, 1976

Crossed out  
Gergen-backed

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Sincerely,

John O. Marsh, Jr.  
Counsellor to the President

General Bruce C. Clarke (Ret.)  
Route Two  
Box 323  
Palmyra, Virginia 22963

dl

cc: Dave Gergen



November 15, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: DAVE GERGEN  
FROM: JACK MARSH

Attached is a copy of a letter and Resolution I recently received concerning the Medal of Freedom.

I would greatly appreciate your contacting Gen. Clarke directly concerning this.

Would you please have your office forward me a copy of your response?

Many thanks.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Dear Bruce:

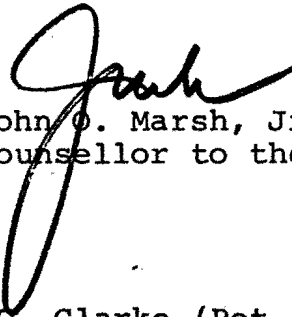
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# MEMO

from  
Bruce Clarke

NOV 8 1976

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Dear Jack -  
we did our best - The  
Republicans carried our District  
for Congress, our state cannot  
Mr. Byrd. I did not waste any votes.  
This resolution was just  
adopted and sent to the President.

The slight to a great  
Republican, State attorney general,  
State Governor, Dep. Dept. Counselor for  
5 years one of the greatest secret. of the  
country I have known should be  
wiped out by Mr. Ford. I'd like  
to have Jimmy Carter do it.

Please push it. It should  
be done soon. Bruce



THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

WASHINGTON, D. C., 17 APRIL 1976

To the President of the United States

A Resolution

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar has today adopted this Resolution and respectfully presents it for your consideration and action: (will consider in August)

*adopted recently  
in Nat.  
convention  
BCC*

Whereas: The late outstanding Patriot and Public Servant, the Honorable Wilber M. Brucker, served his State of Michigan, at an early age, as it's Attorney General and later as it's Governor. He did not neglect his military obligations. In 1916 he went to the Border in the Michigan National Guard; later he graduated in the First Officers' Training Camp and was sent to France in World War I.

Whereas: In the Eisenhower administration he was selected to be the General Counsel of the Department of Defense and from 1955 to 1961 to be the Secretary of the Army.

Whereas: He raised the Morale and Efficiency of troops in the Army, established the One-Army Concept for the molding together of the Regular Army, the National Guard and the Organized Reserves. The "Jupiter 6" missile was placed in orbit by the Army during his period as Secretary of the Army.

*I was a  
senior general  
under his  
firm guidance  
BCC*

Whereas: As President Eisenhower was winding up the details of his terms as our Chief Executive, he sent the Secretary of Defense four medals of Freedom, intending one for the Secretary of Defense and one for each of the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force. The one intended for Secretary Brucker, unfortunately, was not presented to him, nor has this oversight been corrected.

Whereas: The Army has under construction, the Wilber M. Brucker Training Hall for the U.S. Army Band and Chorus at Fort Myer, Virginia, and in the Hall is provided space for many of Mr. Brucker's Mementoes. The Hall is to be completed in 1977 at a cost of nearly three million dollars. It is well underway.

*I hope to see  
Mr. Carter  
dedicate this*

Whereas: After his retirement from public life he faithfully served as Grand Commander of Knights Templar in the United States for three years, from 1964 to 1967; a Masonic Organization of 365,000 members.



And Whereas: Secretary Brucker now lies in a simple grave in nearby Arlington National Cemetery with this simple inscription on the headstone:

Wilber M. Brucker  
Lieutenant  
United States Army

And now be it resolved: When Brucker Hall is dedicated, the Medal of Freedom be presented posthumously to Secretary Brucker to be placed in a prominent place in the Entrance Foyer of Brucker Hall.

Respectfully submitted:

ROY WILFRED RIEGLE  
National Grand Commander  
Knights Templar

*It can be  
awarded now  
by Pres. Ford  
and given to  
Mrs Brucker  
of Green Point Farm  
Michigan*



To Mr. Marsh

Date 11/24 Time 10:10

**WHILE YOU WERE OUT**

M Bill Nicholson

of \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ **7070**

Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ Extension \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PLEASE CALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CALLED TO SEE YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	WILL CALL AGAIN	<input type="checkbox"/>
WANTS TO SEE YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	URGENT	<input type="checkbox"/>

RETURNED YOUR CALL

Message \_\_\_\_\_

*Medal  
Freedom  
10 Jan (Mon)  
12:00 noon  
12:45 lunch*

Operator \_\_\_\_\_

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 22, 1976

TO: DAVE GERGEN

FROM: *J. Connor* CONNOR

Dick Cheney sent me your memo of November 18th. I agree with your recommendation that Bill Nicholson be asked to setup an event and that the Medal of Freedom Committee, chaired by Jack Marsh, be asked to come up with the list of candidates from which the President can choose. As you are already aware, he wishes to award the Medal posthumously to Calder.

I believe we should keep the list very high caliber, so as to avoid the kind of thing President Johnson did in his last months in office, and also that there be a quiet, dignified ceremony, but I do not believe a White House dinner is especially appropriate.

cc: Jack Marsh ✓  
Jerry Jones  
Bill Nicholson

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 18, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DICK CHENEY ✓  
JACK MARSH

FROM:

DAVE GERGEN *DP*

SUBJECT:

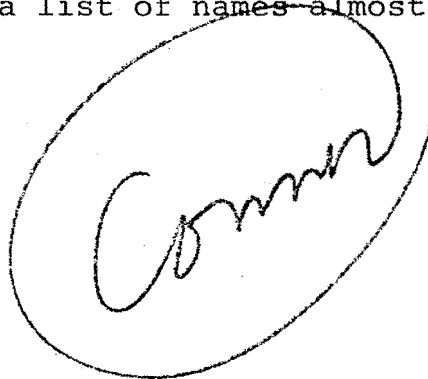
Medal of Freedom

I would strongly recommend that the President present Medals of Freedom to a number of prominent Americans in a gala event before January 20. As you know, there are a number of outstanding people whose names are already high on our candidate list (e.g., George Shults, Arthur Fiedler, the Durants, Georgia O'Keefe, Norman Rockwell, Lowell Thomas, General Omar Bradley, and Irving Berlin).

There are also several excellent choices within the Cabinet, the diplomatic corps -- past and present -- and elsewhere.

I recommend that Bill Nicholson be asked to set up an event and that our Medal of Freedom committee, which Jack informally chairs, be commissioned to come up with a list of 20 recommended candidates from which the President might select out 10 or so. It would be particularly appropriate if the medals were presented at a special White House dinner -- and far enough ahead of January 20th that it is not lost in the shuffle. Our office is prepared to present a list of names almost overnight.

cc: Jerry Jones  
Bill Nicholson



November 24, 1976

Dear Bryce:

Many thanks for your recent letter concerning the Medal of Freedom.

This is the subject under consideration at the present time, and I have sent your letter to those here whom I believe will be handling it if a ceremony is held.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

John O. Marsh, Jr.  
Counsellor to the President

The Honorable Bryce Harlow  
Suite 1104  
1801 K Street, Northwest  
Washington, D. C. 20006

cc: Dave Gergan

JOM/dl



November 24, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:           DAVE GERGEN  
FROM:                        JACK MARSH

Please note the attached incoming letter from Bryce Harlow concerning the Medal of Freedom.

Attachment

JOM/dl



BRYCE N. HARLOW

November 16, 1976

Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr.  
Counsellor to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Jack:

LBJ gave Carl Vinson the President's Medal for Freedom -- the only Congressman, I believe, ever to get it.

Eddie Hebert has the top award of each of the Armed Services. He lusts for the Presidential Medal.

The idea, really, isn't all that bad. Eddie epitomizes the GRF commitment to strong defense; and, of course, he has been a "better Republican" than a lot of GOP members.

Maybe it should be looked at.

Sincerely,



BNH:sjs

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON



MEDAL OF FREEDOM MEETING

Monday, November 29th 3:00 Roosevelt Rm.

Participants (those invited)

Dave Gergen -- YES

Dick Cheney -- Doubtful

Jim Cavanaugh -- YES

Bob Hartmann -- YES

Phil Buchen -- NO -- Schmults instead

Jim Cannon -- YES

Jim Connor -- NO, not here today

Bill Seidman -- Out of town -- NO

Bud McFarland--YES (per Gergen)

~~Jim Reichley -- no longer here~~

Jerry Jones -- YES

Ron Nessen--NO -- Larry Speaks instead

Fostor Chanock -- Out of town today

Judy Mulhburg -- YES

Russ Rourke -- YES

Bill Nicholson--NO--out of town today

Mary Widner will attend instead

Maria Downs -- YES (per Gergen)

~~Bob Goldwin -- no longer here~~

MIKE Duval -- NO

OK

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 29

Mr. Marsh:

You wanted a "Medal of Freedom"  
meeting scheduled.

I'm going to try to set it  
up at ~~4:00~~ today (Monday).

**3:00**

Is this time ok with you:

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Donna

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEDAL OF FREEDOM MEETING

Monday, Nov. 29

3:00 ✓

~~4:30~~

Roosevelt Room

PARTICIPANTS:

- ✓ Dave Gergen ✓ ✓
- ✓ Dick Cheney / Jim Cavanaugh ✓
- ✓ Bob Hartmann ✓ *yes*
- ~~Bob G... X~~ *gone*
- ✓ Phil Buchen ✓ *NO - Schmults*
- ✓ Jim Cannon ✓ *yes*
- ✓ Jim Connor ✓
- ~~Bill Seidman~~ *not in town*
- ~~Jim Reichley~~ *no longer here*
- ✓ Mike Duval ✓
- ✓ Jerry Jones ✓ *yes*
- ✓ Ron Nessen ✓ *(Speaks)*
- ✓ Foster Chanock *out of town*
- ✓ Judy Mulhburg ✓ *2312*
- ✓ Russ Rourke ✓
- Bill Nicholson ✓ *out of town - Mary Weider*
- ✓ Maria Doueno X *2927*





December 2, 1976

*Medal of  
Freedom*

MEMORANDUM TO: DAVE GERGEN

FROM: RUSS ROURKE

Dave, I would propose the following Administration officials for consideration:

- 1) Henry Kissinger
- 2) Don Rumsfeld
- 3) Jack Marsh
- 4) Brent Scowcroft
- 5) Anne Armstrong
- 6) George Bush

RAR:cb



December 3, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: DAVE GERGEN  
FROM: JACK MARSH

Dave, attached is a list of "Medal of Freedom" possibilities.

Unless, of course, these individuals have received this award, I feel that they should be among those considered for the Medal of Freedom.

Many thanks.

cb



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 3, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: RUSS ROURKE

FROM: JACK MARSH *JM*

The attached was forwarded to me by Dick Cheney.

Would you send Dave Gergen a copy and have him check on the names which have been added and also the names which are checked off? It may be that Hope, and perhaps some of the others, have already received the Medal of Freedom.

Many thanks.

March

Medal of Freedom Possibilities

✓ Sandy Calder  
Roberto Clemente  
Oveta Culp Hobby

✓ Bob Hope  
Henry Kissinger  
Bill Paley  
Richard Rodgers

✓ Edward Teller

✓ Andrew Wyeth

Gordon Gray

Bob Murphy

CITATION:

Gordon Gray has forged a lofty record of achievement in the service of his country over a span of more than three decades. He has been a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board since 1961, under four Presidents. His tenure on the Board was preceded by several assignments carrying great responsibility in national security affairs in two earlier Administrations. This unique career has been marked by distinguished performance of duty which has been of great value to the nation.

Gordon Gray's contributions to the national intelligence effort during his membership on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board have been most clearly manifested by his influence in shaping the structure of the foreign intelligence community to meet the changing needs of the Chief Executive. He has been a strong, persistent advocate for improving intelligence analysis capabilities and in having resource allocations reflect the most important, relevant foreign intelligence requirements of the President. His participation in the conduct of intelligence post mortems aided significantly in the revelation of intelligence systems and weaknesses which thereby enabled swift corrective action. Mr. Gray's service on the Board has significantly aided Presidents and their principal advisors in the conduct of national security affairs.

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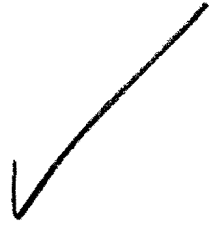
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 6, 1976



MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH  
FROM: DAVE GERGEN  
SUBJECT: Medal of Freedom

Thanks for your memo of December 3rd, listing additional Medal of Freedom possibilities. In checking the record, I have discovered that the following individuals have already received the Medal of Freedom:

Gordon Gray - from President Eisenhower on January 18, 1961.

Bob Hope - from President Johnson on January 20, 1969

Andrew Wyeth - from President Johnson on December 6, 1963. (He was designated to receive the Medal from President Kennedy, however, JFK died before he could make the award.

I will make certain that the other individuals on your list are added to the roster of candidates under consideration.

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*Intelligence Medal*

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December 7, 1976

Medal of  
Freedom

MEMORANDUM TO: DAVE GERGEN  
FROM: RUSS ROURKE

Dave, I agree with your proposal noted in paragraph two.

(Gergen Medal of Freedom memo dated 12/6/76)





*Med. of Freedom*

December 13<sup>7</sup> 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: DAVE GERGEN  
FROM: JACK MARSH

Dave, after going through your memo of December 1, the following are my final Medal of Freedom recommendations:

Norman Rockwell  
Joe DiMaggio  
William Marriott  
Lowell Thomas  
Judge Henry Friendly  
Archibald MacLeish  
Jonas Salk  
Albert E. Sabin  
Omar Nelson Bradley  
Irving Berlin  
Colgate Darden  
Bruce Catton  
Dr. William Baker  
I. W. Able  
Vice President Rockefeller  
Alex Calder

JOM:RAR:cb



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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S/m



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 1, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH  
FROM: DAVE GERGEN  
SUBJECT: Medal of Freedom

As you know, the President has indicated a serious interest in presenting Medals of Freedom to a group of individuals before January 20th. Jack Marsh chaired an informal meeting on the subject earlier this week where it was decided that we should solicit the views of the staff before presenting the President with a series of options. Here are the items we need you to review:

TAB A -- Individuals whose names were submitted to the President by the staff earlier this year. He has already suggested some preferences within this group, but nothing definite has been decided. If you have strong feelings -- pro or con -- about any one of these individuals, please indicate.

TAB B -- Names of individuals who have been recommended within the last 6 months, either by private citizens or by staff members. None of these names has yet been submitted to the President. Would you please check those whom you believe ought to be submitted to the President for his final consideration and "Xs" by those you think ought to be dropped?

Finally -- We would appreciate any additional names from you that are not included in either of these lists and whom you strongly feel deserve consideration. In particular, it is suggested that there may be people within the current Administration (Cabinet, etc.) or close friends whom it would be appropriate for the President to honor.

Please return your suggestions to Judy Muhlberg, Room 198, EOB, by COB on Thursday.

Many thanks.



TAB A

On June 24, the President was sent the following list of suggested candidates for the Medal of Freedom. The individuals from the list that he approved are indicated below with an asterisk (\*). Tab C provides brief informational background on each of these candidates.

Art and Architecture

- \*Alexander Calder
- \*Georgia O'Keefe
- Norman Rockwell

Athletics

- +\*Jesse Owens
- Joe Dimaggio

Business

- Simon Ramo
- Jules Stein
- Wm. Marriott
- Communications

- \*Lowell Thomas
- Vermont C. Royster

Law

- Judge Henry Friendly
- Erwin N. Griswold

Literature

- Archibald MacLeish
- James A. Michener
- Saul Bellow

Medicine

- Rene Dubos
- Jonas Salk
- Albert E. Sabin

National Security

- Arleigh A. Burke
- Hyman George Rickover
- \*Omar Nelson Bradley

Performing Arts

- \*Irving Berlin
- +\*Martha Graham
- Bing Crosby (Harry Lillis)

Public Service

- George S. Aiken
- Mike Mansfield
- John McCormack
- Colgate Park
- Scholarship and Education

- Norman E. Borlaug
- \*Will and Ariel Durant
- Bruce Catton

Science and Engineering

- George Wald
- John Bardeen
- James D. Watson
- Dr. Lem. Baker
- Theology and Religion

- Spencer W. Kimball
- Dr. Kenneth Taylor

Labor

- I.W. Able

+ Individuals presented the Medal of Freedom by President Ford.

Public 5V(2)  
 V/P Rockefeller  
 Posthumous  
 Alex Calder



TAB B

TAB B

Listed below are suggested candidates which have not been considered by either this committee or by the President.

Dr. Samuel Phillips Asper

Dean of the Medical Faculty, American University  
Hospital, Beirut, Lebanon

General Wilber M. Brucker

Former Secretary of the Army (1955-61);  
Former Governor of Michigan  
Posthumous (Note: When President Eisenhower left  
office, he apparently intended to award Brucker the  
Medal of Freedom; however, Brucker's medal was never  
properly awarded. There is a very strong campaign  
to make the award posthumously.)

John Sherman Cooper

Ambassador to the German Democratic Republic, India;  
Former US Senator

Colgate Whitehead Darden

Former Governor of Virginia; Former Member of Congress;  
Past president of the University of Virginia

Arthur Fiedler

Conductor, Boston Pops

George Joseph Hecht

Founder, Publisher -- Parent's Magazine

Danny Kaye

Actor, Comedian

Joseph D. Kennan

Secretary, International Brotherhood of Electrical  
Workers, AFL-CIO

William Laird Levitt

Builder, Levittown; Founder, Levitt and Sons

Henry Cabot Lodge

Former US Senator, Cabinet Member, US Representative  
to the United Nations; Ambassador to Vietnam, Federal  
Republic of Germany

Dr. Harry Willis Miller

Doctor, missionary -- known as the "China Doctor";  
Worked to fight malnutrition in the Far East; Invented  
soybean milk; consulting physician to Presidents Wilson  
and Taft

William S. Paley  
Chairman of the Board, CBS

George Pratt Shultz  
Former Secretary of Labor; Former Secretary of the  
Treasury; Former Director of OMB

Major General Leif J. Sverdrup  
Major General, US Army Reserve; military construction  
engineer  
Posthumous

John W. Warner  
Administrator, American Revolution Bicentennial  
Administration

Edward F. Hebert  
Congressional leader who has just retired; strong  
supporter of US defense forces; former editor, New  
Orleans Times-Picayune

Mrs. Jouett Shouse  
Donor of Wolf Trap Farm Park; Trustee of the Kennedy  
Center; Civic leader  
Mrs. Ford has indicated an interest in this candidate.

J. Willard Marriott, Sr.  
Restaurant and motel executive  
Mrs. Ford has indicated an interest in this candidate.

Andrew Wyeth  
Artist; has won numerous awards; member, National  
Institute of Arts and Letters

Robert Rauschenberg  
Artist; works in oil, silk screen; sculptor

Jasper Johns  
Artist; international reputation -- represented in  
permanent collections of galleries in the US, England,  
Holland and Sweden



TAB C

## ART AND ARCHITECTURE

ALEXANDER CALDER Sculptor. A creator of mobiles and stabiles, he has married form and space with movement and time. He is perhaps the greatest living American sculptor of the non-realist school. (Posthumous award)

GEORGIA O'KEEFE One of the biggest female names in the world of American painting. Represented in the major museums throughout the United States. She received the Gold Medal for Paintings, National Institute of Arts and Letters in 1970 and numerous other awards. (She is now 90 years old.)

NORMAN ROCKWELL Artist. In 1969 he was named "Artist of the Year" by the New York Artist Guild. World-known for his covers of the Saturday Evening Post, he is now 82 years of age.

## ATHLETICS

JESSE OWENS Track and field star. He was the winner of four gold medals in the 1936 Berlin Olympics, at that time the most outstanding feat in the history of the Games. Hitler's refusal to present his medals because he was a Negro made him an international hero.

JOE DIMAGGIO All-time great of baseball. He is listed in the Baseball Hall of Fame. During his career, he held numerous baseball records and was voted Most Valuable Player in 1947.

## BUSINESS

SIMON RAMO Engineering executive and industrialist. Leader in electronics and missile research, editor and author, he is a member of dozens of boards of educational and charitable organizations, as well as several corporations. He discovered and holds the patent for the microwave, electron optics, guided missiles and automatic controls.

## COMMUNICATIONS

LOWELL THOMAS Author, cinerama and TV producer, radio and TV commentator. He brought "adventure and armchair travel" to generations of Americans. He is now 84.

VERMONT C. ROYSTER Journalist, author and editorial writer with the Wall Street Journal. He received the Pulitzer Prize for his editorial writing in 1953.

## LAW

JUDGE HENRY FRIENDLY Judge; U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (2d) 1959 to present; Chief Justice 1971-73. He has a well-known and respected reputation in legal circles in the U.S.

ERWIN N. GRISWOLD Dean of Harvard Law School and Solicitor General of the United States.

## LITERATURE

ARCHIBALD MACLEISH Poet, professor at Harvard (1949-62); Librarian of Congress (1939-44); Chairman of several American delegations to UNESCO conferences; recipient of virtually every literary honor in the U.S., including two Pulitzer Prizes for poetry (1932 and 1953) and a Pulitzer in drama in 1959.

JAMES A. MICHENER Author. He has written numerous works and won the Pulitzer Prize in 1947 for Tales of the South Pacific. His popular works include: The Bridge at Andau, Hawaii, and Centennial.

SAUL BELLOW Author. He has been the recipient of numerous awards including the International Literary Prize in 1965 for Herzog, and the Nobel Prize in 1976.

## MEDICINE

RENE DUBOS Physician, scientist, and bacteriologist. He is presently Professor Emeritus at Rockefeller University. He is recognized as one of the pioneer medical scientists in the United States.

JONAS E. SALK Physician, scientist. Discovered the "Salk vaccine" to prevent polio and has continued biological and biochemical research at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, which he founded.

ALBERT E. SABIN Virologist. In 1955 he developed an oral polio vaccine. Distinguished Service Professor, University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine; Fellow, Children's Hospital Research Foundation (since 1939).

## NATIONAL SECURITY

OMAR BRADLEY General of the Army; Administrator of Veterans Affairs; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; presently Chairman of the Board of Bulova Watch Company.

ARLEIGH A. BURKE Admiral; Chief of the U.S. Naval Operations (1955-61); now Corporate Director of Texaco, Inc.

HYMAN GEORGE RICKOVER Vice Admiral; Deputy Commander for Nuclear Propulsion, Atomic Energy Administration. He has won numerous awards for his contributions to atomic science.

## PERFORMING ARTS

IRVING BERLIN Composer/writer of popular songs. Received the Army Medal of Merit for "This is the Army" and the Congressional Gold Medal for "God Bless America."

MARTHA GRAHAM American dancer who has contributed enormously to her profession, as both teacher (Julliard School) and as a performer, for over 40 years. She has appeared as the guest of leading orchestras throughout the United States.

## PERFORMING ARTS (continued)

BING CROSBY (HARRY LILLIS) Actor, entertainer. He has endured popylarity as an entertainer in the United States. He first became popular when he entertained the American troops during World War II.

## PUBLIC SERVICE

GEORGE S. AIKEN U. S. Senator from 1940-1974 (34 years) from Vermont. Before coming to the Congress, he was Lieutenant Governor and Governor of Vermont. Until his retirement, he was a ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and was a respected, esteemed elder statesman of the Senate.

MIKE MANSFIELD He was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives from Montana in 1943. He served in the House until his election to the U. S. Senate in 1952. Majority Whip 1957-61; Senate Majority Leader 1961 to the present.

JOHN MCCORMACK Former Speaker of the House. First elected to Congress in 1925, he served in the Congress for 45 years. (He retired in 1970).

## SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION

NORMAN E. BORLAUG Agricultural economist. He founded the "green revolution" theory for developing countries and won the Nobel Prize for Peace for his work in developing high-yield wheat.

WILL AND ARIEL DURANT Historians, Authors. The Durants have co-authored numerous works on the story of civilization and the history of the world. In 1968, they won the Pulitzer Prize for Rosseau and Revolution. They are both in their nineties.

BRUCE CATTON Author, historian, editor. He has written numerous works on American history; Senior Editor of American Heritage Magazine (1959 to the present.)

## SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

GEORGE WALD Physiologist, educator. Co-recipient of the Nobel Prize in 1967 for discoveries concerning the chemical and physiological processes of the eye.

JOHN BARDEEN Physicist. Twice a co-recipient of the Nobel Prize for (a) developing the transistor; and (b) discovery of a theory explaining superconductivity. He served as a member of the President's Science Advisory Committee (1959-62); and was the National Medal of Science recipient in 1966.

JAMES D. WATSON Educator, Biochemist. Co-recipient of the Nobel Prize in 1962 (with F. H. C. Crick) for studies of the molecular structure of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) and its ability to transfer information. Now a professor of biology at Harvard.

MEMORANDUM  
OF CALL



J.O.M.

YOU WERE CALLED BY—  YOU WERE VISITED BY—

Judy Muhlberg  
OF (Organization)

PLEASE CALL → PHONE NO. CODE/EXT. \_\_\_\_\_

WILL CALL AGAIN  IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

RETURNED YOUR CALL  WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

**YOU SUGGESTED A DR. WILLIAM BAKER FOR THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM AWARD. SHE HAS FOUND THREE DR. WILLIAM BAKERS IN THE "WHO'S WHO". WANTS TO KNOW IF THE ONE YOU ARE REFERRING TO IS 1)Botanist, 2)Geneticist, or 3)Research Chemist.**

*The one on PEIAB  
called Judy, 12/16/76*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEDAL OF FREEDOM MEETING

Thursday, December 16, 5:00 p.m.  
Roosevelt Room

Participants


- ✓Gergen ✓
- ✓Cheney
- ✓Cavanaugh
- ✓Hartmann ✓(?)
- ✓Buchen ✓
- ✓Cannon ✓
- ✓Connor ✓
- ✓Seidman
- ✓McFarland ✓
- ✓Jones *mo*
- ✓Nessen ✓
- ✓Chanock
- ✓Mulhberg ✓
- ✓Rourke
- ✓Nicholson
- ✓Downs *2927*
- ✓Duval





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 20, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH  
FROM: DAVE GERGEN   
SUBJECT: Medal of Freedom

I have checked the list of previous recipients and have found that none of the names we discussed today has received an award. (Laurence Rockefeller got one from LBJ.)

I also confirmed that Judy Muhlberg has maintained very extensive and well organized files on every individual whose name has been submitted to the White House; Donna can arrange to have any file that you wish passed on to someone of your choosing.

