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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 18, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH
FROM: BILL GULLEY

BG

As a result of the meeting yesterday in Don Rumsfeld's office, please find a copy of our memo to you of 3 October and the phase downs for Key Biscayne and San Clemente.

A copy of all this is being sent to Don Rumsfeld.


(Handwritten initials in a circle)
San Clemente



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 3, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: COUNSELLOR MARSH
FROM: GENERAL LAWSON 
SUBJECT: Support for Former President Nixon

In order to insure the timely and efficient management of all DOD support to former President Nixon, my office established liaison with the former President and his staff soon after their arrival at San Clemente. Specific requirements for support were developed, tabulated and coordinated between San Clemente, the White House and DOD personnel. To date, we have not received any request from the former President which exceeded those given to other former Presidents. Specifically, the following support is being provided to former President Nixon.

a. Personnel. At Tab A is a listing of all personnel currently assigned to the support of the former President at San Clemente. No other personnel in the Department of Defense are currently involved in the direct support of the former President. Personnel providing indirect support are limited to part time liaison coordination functions being conducted in the White House Military Office, and in OSD.

b. Communications. Communications support for the former President is shown at Tab B. All actions of this phase down program are being carefully coordinated between members of the former President's staff, Secret Service, GSA, WHCA and the Department of Defense. The final configuration for communications will consist of that associated with the support of the Secret Service by WHCA and a small amount carried by GSA to support the activities of the former President and his staff.

c. Transportation.

1. Ground transportation will continue to be provided by vehicles located at San Clemente by Chrysler Corporation in response to a previously developed lease. The lease has been reduced to a total of 10 vehicles at San Clemente and 2 vehicles at Key Biscayne. These vehicles are leased at a cost of \$1.00 per year and will be carried to the end of the 6 months transition period. Fuel is provided by DOD under leasing arrangements managed by the White House Garage. Three Marines from Camp Pendleton have been assigned to assist as drivers on a daily basis for the 6 month transition period. All of the DOD support will be terminated at the end of the transition period.

2. Government air transportation has been requested by former President Nixon. His request emphasized that his support should not exceed that provided to Presidents Truman, Eisenhower and Johnson. (These former Presidents were provided air transportation to support all travel requirements with the exception of travel associated with political events. For the record, it should also be noted that 2 aircraft were assigned to the Commanding General, Bergstrom AFB specifically for the support of former President Johnson.) There is no indication that former President Nixon intends to request the specific assignment of aircraft for his support. Rather, his desire is that an aircraft be available from Andrews AFB, when and if required. Courier aircraft are required on occasion for use in the movement of intelligence briefing and material and on some occasions for the transportation of key staff and family members. This support has been provided in the past for former Presidents Truman, Eisenhower and Johnson. To date, three C-140 courier flights from Andrews Air Force Base to El Toro Marine Base have occurred. A fourth is scheduled for 4 October.

d. Special Requests. Certain special requests have been made:

1. Intelligence briefings have been requested by the former President on a weekly basis. These briefings were also provided for former Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, and Johnson and for the most part, consisted of a pouch that was that was transported on a weekly basis. Frequently, Secretary Kissinger, who was then a Presidential Assistant and/or General Haig personally briefed President Johnson. On occasions Presidential representatives also briefed former Presidents Truman and Eisenhower.

2. Commissary cards to both Camp Pendleton and El Toro have been requested. In addition, guest privileges at the officers club and golf club have been requested from both bases.

3. Two H-46 helicopters are located at El Toro for the support of visiting VIP's. It has been requested that these helicopters be available on a preemptive basis to support former President Nixon. (The former President has stated that he does not contemplate using these aircraft except on an emergency basis.)

4. Permissive orders for President Nixon's family and staff members that would permit them to ride space available on government courier aircraft have been requested. This service was provided to former Presidents Truman, Eisenhower and Johnson.

The phase down of DOD support in effect on 9 August 1974 at San Clemente and Key Biscayne has been underway since that date. Military personnel at both installations (other than those listed in Tab A) have been reassigned to other military duties. Equipment is being prepared for return to appropriate supply agencies and/or reassigned to other locations. Command and Control communications functions are being carefully studied in order to insure maximum use of these facilities. Again, all of these efforts are being carefully and completely coordinated with all interested DOD agencies. Regular reports regarding this program are being forwarded to OSD.

Throughout this paper there have been several references to support rendered to other former Presidents. This information is based primarily on the personal knowledge of individuals actually involved in the support of specific former Presidents. During the investigation performed for the Brooks Subcommittee on government operations (pertaining to resources expended on the residences at San Clemente and Key Biscayne) each of the Military Services, DOD and my office were requested to provide all available records pertaining to the support of Presidents at their private residences. That record search turned up very little due primarily to the fact that all records associated with each President were sealed and transported to the individual President's archives.

SUPPORT PERSONNEL

SAN CLEMENTE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>DATE ASSIGNED</u>
LtCol John V. Brennan	Military Aide	9 August 1974
Lt Chris Alberts	Mail Assistant	23 September 1974
HMCS R. J. Dunn	Medical Corpsman	9 August 1974
GySgt E. Chevalier	Driver	"
Cpl E. Gipson	Driver	"
GySgt R. Wagoner	Driver	"
SDCM V. DelaCruz	Steward	"
SDI V. Villaranda	Steward	"
CW4 Ralph M. Douglas	WHCA	9 August 1974
SFC George T. Wharton	"	"
SSG Allen L. Harp	"	"
SSG Larry D. Nowels	"	"
Sgt Thomas L. Payne	"	"
CT2 Douglas A. Griffith	"	"
SSG John C. Kleiber	"	"
CT1 Thomas R. Reese	"	"
SP5 David L. Grime	"	"
SP5 Doil T. Osteen	"	"
SP5 Gary R. Smith	"	"
ET3 Marvin Aune	"	"
Sgt Clarence Ecclespon	"	"
TSgt Vonis Spencer	"	"

KEY BISCAYNE

SP5 S. C. Anderson	WHCA	9 August 1974
SFC Ronnie W. Belcher	"	"
SP5 David C. Dersham	"	"
SSG R. R. Jones	"	"
SSG A. J. Jurcak	"	"
Sgt S. W. Oliver	"	"



Estimate of WHCA Communications Costs for Former President Nixon
Between August 9, 1974 and September 20, 1974
(Amounts in Thousands)

	<u>Washington, DC</u>	<u>Key Biscayne</u>	<u>San Clemente (Laguna)</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. <u>Details to RMN since August 9</u>	N/A	N/A	N/A	
B. <u>Other Support-Operating</u>				
Personnel Compensation and Benefits		\$ 6.5	\$16.5	\$ 23.
Number of Personnel		6	14	20
Services (communications lease costs)		<u>\$15.5</u> (2)	<u>\$34.3</u> (1)	<u>\$ 49.8</u>
Total Operating Costs		\$22.0	\$50.8	\$ 72.8
C. <u>Other Support-Capital</u>				
Recoverable Communications Equipment (acquisition costs)		\$298.3 (3)	\$280.4 (4)	\$578.7

Note (1) Estimated monthly lease costs for communications in support of the Commander in Chief, Western White House and USSS on 9 August 1974 was \$36,452. As of 20 September 1974 this has decreased to an estimated \$11,925 per month and will continue to decrease throughout the transition period to an estimated \$3,000 per month.

Note (2) Estimated monthly lease costs for communications in support of the Commander in Chief, support staff and USSS on 9 August 1974 was \$20,747. As of 20 September 1974 this has decreased to an estimated \$4,839 per month and is planned to be reduced to zero by the end of the transition period.

Note (3) This equipment was installed prior to 9 August 1974 and is being recovered during the transition period. It is planned to reduce this equipment to zero at Key Biscayne.

Note (4) This equipment was installed prior to 9 August 1974 and is being recovered during the transition period. It is planned to reduce this equipment to \$128,000 at San Clemente.

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October 18, 1974

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*Josh
Assume you
have the action*
Bill



c. Don Rumsfeld

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 8, 1974

Dear Senator Montoya:

This is an addendum to my previous letter of the same date which I mentioned to you.

Although your inquiry related to persons in support of former President Nixon, I wanted you to be aware that there are ten persons at Key Biscayne phasing out operations. Their primary function is the disassembling and recovery of government equipment. I am advised that they are not in support of the former President. In addition, we are making further inquiry to ascertain what, if any, support has been rendered any member of the former President's immediate family. Preliminary inquiry indicates there is none except for space available transportation provided to one of the former President's daughters which was reported in the press.

Sincerely,

John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counsellor to the President

The Honorable Joseph M. Montoya
Senate Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

FEB 7 1974

February 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. TOM WOLF
FROM: MR. BILL GULLEY *BB*
SUBJECT: Phase down of Operations at Key
Biscayne and San Clemente

The phase down at Key Biscayne started on 1 September 1974 when all communication facilities except that needed for the support of the Secret Service detail was discontinued. There was an orderly phase out that continued until 1 November 1974 when all communications personnel were returned to Washington. The operational cost for this period for support of Secret Service was \$6,000. On 5 November 1974, all White House communications equipment was returned to Washington. Air Force aircraft and helicopter support gear was returned from Homestead AFB to Andrews AFB on 9 December 1974.

The phase out at San Clemente was planned in August 1974 with a target date of 9 February 1975. At that time it was contemplated that communication support for Secret Service would be essentially the same as that provided President Johnson. On 6 November 1974 the Secret Service notified the Military Assistant's office that they would have no requirement for communication equipment which would require personnel or switchboard support in their operation in San Clemente. A new phase out plan was developed with a total shut down of active communications support at San Clemente, the effective date to be 15 January 1975. This was accomplished and all communication operations ceased on that date. Communication equipment and personnel will return to Washington on 7 February 1975. The operational cost figures for San Clemente are incomplete and will not be known until all bills are received.

Support other than communications at San Clemente will cease on 9 February 1975, and the following personnel will return to duty within the Department of Defense:

LtCol John V. Brennan
Lt Christopher Alberts
GySgt Robert Wagoner
Cpl Gilbert Gibson
SDCM Victorio M. DelaCruz

Left at San Clemente in partial support of the former President will be Navy Hospital Corpsman Robert Dunn, who is assigned full time at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton but is available on an as needed basis to the former President. He is presently required to see President Nixon four times daily.

cc:

Russ Rourke

Bill Casselman

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 29, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR JACK MARSH
FROM MAJOR GENERAL LAWSON

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I have attached a package from General Adams, head of the White House Communications Agency.

You will note his letter of 27 November is a significant change of communication requirements from what was originally planned for San Clemente.

I will provide you with the results of the meeting with GSA to be held on 2 December.

Russ -

Let's get Gen. Lawson
in & have him go over
this.

attachment

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M

WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

WHCA

27 November 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL LAWSON
FROM: GENERAL ADAMS *GA*
SUBJECT: Communications Support for ex-President
Nixon at San Clemente

As you know, we prepared a detailed Telecommunications Phase Down Plan, 24 September 1974, which was submitted to both the Director, USSS and the Administrator, GSA for comments and concurrence (Tab A). This plan recognized the division of communications responsibility between WHCA (for USSS) and GSA (for former Presidential support), and proposed leaving a one position switchboard manned by WHCA personnel to support both requirements with the cost being appropriately divided between GSA and WHCA. A similar one position switchboard arrangement was in effect for former President Johnson at the LBJ Ranch.

The USSS by memorandum, dated 6 November 1974 (Tab B), has informed me of their total communications requirements at San Clemente, specifically deleting any switchboard requirement or associated WHCA operating personnel.

Based upon these stated requirements of the USSS, WHCA has no further justification for personnel support at San Clemente and must now plan to withdraw our personnel as soon as the communications system can be reconfigured to meet USSS requirements. I estimate this reconfiguration will require sixty days.

In the interest of overall economy and a recognition of GSA's continuing requirement, I have requested a meeting with them on 2 December 1974 to co-ordinate our continuing phase down program and to determine if GSA intends to provide some type of switchboard capability to serve the San Clemente office complex.



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Q. Mr. President, what is the status of support for the former President at Key Biscayne.

A. In reference to Key Biscayne, there is a phase out underway of all operations, including not only Secret Service, but GSA and Department of Defense. I understand that the Defense phase out at Key Biscayne has been completed. There has been a gradual reduction in Secret Service support, with a complete phase out to be accomplished by that agency by the middle of December and GSA expects that all of its major deactivation actions will be completed or underway by December 31, 1974.

file w/ Sam Clemente.