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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 28, 1976

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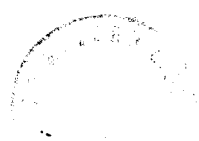
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due: 6/30 (Wed)

ACTION MEMORANDUM

LOG NO.: 5:00

Date: June 29

Time: 522pm

FOR ACTION: Jack Marsh  
Ted Marrs  
Max Friedersdorf  
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David Lissy

cc (for information): Jim Cavanaugh  
Ed Schmults

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: June 30

Time: 500pm

SUBJECT:

S.J. Res. 49-Display and use of the flag of the U.S.

Jim:

Strongly suggest consideration be given to a signing ceremony. We have reports from Hill of interest by veterans groups in this legislation. Max Friedersdorf concurs.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Jack Marsh

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

please return to Judy Johnston, Ground Floor West Wing

*Max - your view on signing ceremony. Recommend signing ceremony. Max.*



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Subject: Enrolled Resolution S.J. Res. 49 - Display and use  
of the flag of the United States  
Sponsor - Sen. Bayh (D) Indiana and Sen. Thurmond (R)  
South Carolina

Last Day for Action

July 7, 1976 - Wednesday

Purpose

To codify guidelines on the proper methods for honoring, using,  
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Agency Recommendations

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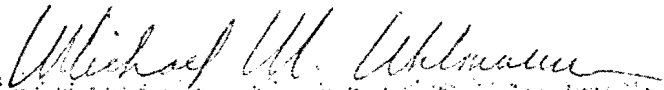
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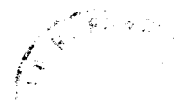
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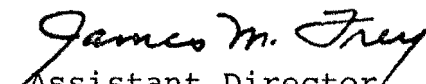
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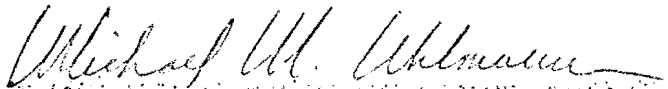
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*30 June - RAR discussed w/  
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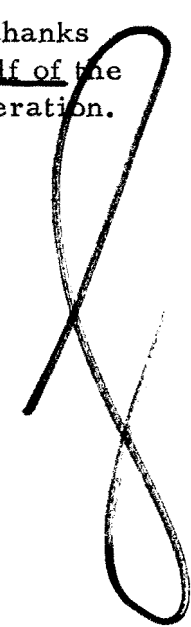
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*Jack*

Would you please draft, or have Milt draft, a letter of thanks to the members of the Bicentennial Task Force on behalf of the President, thanking them for their assistance and cooperation.

It would be helpful if this could go out by Friday.

Many thanks.



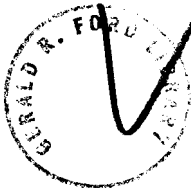
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WASHINGTON

July 6, 1976

TO: JACK MARSH  
FROM: JIM CANNON *Jmc*

What did the President ever  
decide about these?



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WASHINGTON

June 23, 1976

*Josh*  
*What did the President ever do about this?*  
*Jim*

MEMORANDUM FOR JACK MARSH  
FROM JIM REICHLEY  
SUBJECT BICENTENNIAL

I would like strongly to second Dave Gergen's report on the feeling in support of Paul O'Neill's idea that the President launch a "Clean Up America" campaign as an official means of commemorating the Bicentennial.

The "Clean Up America" idea, as I see it, has several advantages:

- (1) It would give the nation a needed shot in the arm, encouraging us to take pride in ourselves, and bringing us together on a project for the common good.
- (2) It would be addressed in part to the problem of unemployed teen-agers, particularly in the cities. While the economy is recovering, this group is lagging behind, and it would show that the President is directing his concern to this problem.
- (3) It would be directed to the problems of both the environment and the cities -- two areas in which the President needs greater identification.
- (4) The cost, within the bottom limit set by Paul's estimated minimum of \$1 billion, could be held to what we could safely afford. It would be a one-shot effort and need have no future budget impact.

On the con side, it would no doubt be criticized as being both too much and too little. But its very nature as a commemorative expression would largely exempt it from such criticisms.

From the political standpoint, it would give the President an opportunity to act in an imaginative and unexpected way -- giving positive expression of boldness and leadership.

cc: Dave Gergen, Paul O'Neill, Jim Cannon ✓



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June 21, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH

FROM:

DAVE GERGEN

SUBJECT:

Fourth of July

After you were called out of the meeting late last week on 4th of July activities, I promised that I would give you a brief summary of the ideas that emerged.

Clean Up America -- The idea that attracted the most interest as a Presidential initiative for the 4th is to launch a "Clean Up America" campaign. It is generally agreed that America needs a face-lifting -- we need to clean up the parks, clean up our big cities, and even clean up many of our suburban areas. With a fairly modest amount of Federal funds, we could enlist the talents and energies of young people who can't find jobs, putting them to work in very constructive jobs. It would also give communities a chance to renew themselves, restoring a greater sense of pride. As you will recall, this was a jobs creation proposal that Paul O'Neill and Jim Lynn circulated during the State of the Union period; it was not followed up then, but participants in this meeting thought the time was now ripe. (Could also effect Humphrey-Hawkins, for instance.) Paul estimates that the cost would be a minimum of \$1 billion -- and if you really wanted to alleviate teenage unemployment in the ghettos, it could go three or four times higher.

Designation of Worthy Americans -- You were present for the initial part of the discussion of Paul O'Neill's idea. The sentiment at the end of the meeting was that it might be very good so long as the President could personally have the first group in before the end of this year -- perhaps around Labor Day.



Special Scholarship Program -- Discussion continued on this idea without clear resolution.

Sponsorship of Historical TV Series -- Another idea that came up was to provide the country with a permanent memorial to its history and to great Americans of the past through Federal sponsorship of a series of documentaries and semi-historical accounts on film. They might be similar to the Forsyth Saga or the Alistair Cooke materials. The films would be shown in coming years through the cooperation of the major networks as part of their public affairs programming. Then the films would be donated to schools for educational purposes. Details would have to be carefully worked out, but a majority thought it worth pursuing (one notable exception, Jim Reichley, thought historical material had already been sufficiently done this year on TV).

cc: → Jim Cannon  
Paul O'Neill  
Jim Reichley



July 6, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT  
FROM: JACK MARSH

I think it would be helpful if the President could receive today  
clippings from the British press on the recent Bicentennial events.

For example, see page four of the Christian Science Monitor.

Many thanks.

JOM/dl



Christian Science Monitor

Tuesday, July 7, 1976

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**British press joins in warm tribute  
to 200-year-old United States**

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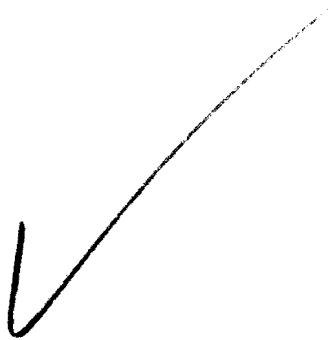
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MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE *Rourke*

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July 7, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: RUSS ROURKE

FROM: JACK MARSH 

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH

FROM:

MILT MITLER *Milt*

Jack, I discussed the New York Times letter to the Editor of July 4th with Jeff Rosenthal of NASA who is their pet astronomer. He pointed out that any luminous star selected for this purpose, one which shone brightly 200 years ago, would lack accuracy. There was no way to be assured that the timing was exact. In the grouping of six stars mentioned by the writers, none of which would be visible, accuracy was possible.

Rosenthal also believes the authors, one of whom is over 80 and the other about 70 and both of whom are respected astronomers, wrote the letter somewhat tongue-in-cheek.

I believe that unless the star was visible, the effect of naming a Bicentennial Star would be lost. On the other hand, to pick one that is visible and not be accurate would also diminish the value of the effort. In addition, could this have been done on July 4th, it would have had greater significance than some time in the future. I really believe we can comfortably skip this one for something else which may surface.



July 7, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MILT MITLER

FROM: JACK MARSH

I would appreciate your comments on the attached editorial  
from the New York Times.

Many thanks.

Article from New York Times, Sunday, July 4, 1976, "Week in  
Review" Section, Letters to the Editor "How to Pick a  
Bicentennial Star"

JOM/dl



## Letters to the Editor

### How to Pick a Bicentennial Star

To the Editor:

Two hundred years ago, just as Congress was approving, with only minor changes, the draft of the Declaration of Independence that Thomas Jefferson had finished writing two days earlier, a fairly bright star was, as usual, sending out light in all directions. The star did not know, and neither did Jefferson, that some of the light that it sent on that day in 1776 would reach the earth just as we are celebrating the Bicentennial of that event. It may be appropriate to name this star the American Bicentennial Star.

When we try to identify the Bicentennial Star precisely, we run into some interesting problems. Among the brighter naked-eye stars there are about four that qualify reasonably well for selection. Although the distances of these stars cannot be measured with enough accuracy to let us say which of them is most nearly at the right distance to let light come to us in exactly 200 years, nevertheless we can pick a representative star for which the distance is sufficiently correct. Spica, the bright, white star in the constellation Virgo, which is in the south in the early evening in July, is a good candidate for selection as the American Bicentennial Star.

The fainter dwarf stars are much

more numerous than the bright giant stars. We know how closely packed these stars are, and can say with confidence that there are very nearly six stars within a shell in space that has a radius of 200 light years, with the earth at its center, if the shell has a thickness such that light will cross it in just one day. Each of these six stars sent light on July 4, 1776, which is reaching us within an interval of 24 hours on July 4, 1976.

We must make a choice. If we insist that we must be able to see the star with our unaided eyes, and to know just which star it is, then we must accept a giant star for which the distance cannot be exactly right, since there are only four stars from which to choose. But if we are willing to forgo seeing the star with the naked eye and do not insist that we must know which of several stars it is, then we can have a Bicentennial Star at exactly the correct distance, so that its light comes to us in just 200 years.

THEODORE DUNHAM JR.,  
PETER VAN DE KAMP  
Chocorua, N.H., June 28, 1976

*The writers are astronomers, respectively, at the Harvard College Observatory and the Sprail Observatory at Swarthmore College.*





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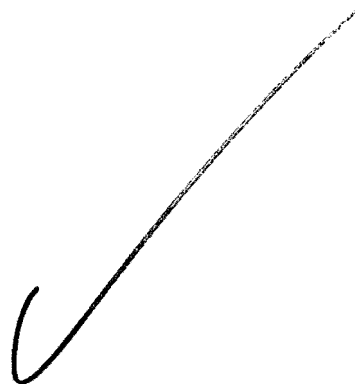
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July 19, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH  
FROM: MILT MITLER

*Jack*

Jack, attached is the compilation of newspaper coverage we received from ARBA. This one covers the July 4th weekend. Most of it is quite complimentary. Both the Time Magazine article and Hugh Sidney's column are particularly good.



Attachment (Articles on July 4th weekend)

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THE WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE

July 19, 1976

Vol. 108, No. 3

**TIME**

**THE NATION**

**BICENTENNIAL**

**Oh, What a Lovely Party!**

Bob Wiedrich

Bicentennial has  
the power to heal



# AREA *The* NEWS



*Macoupin's Leading Independent Newspaper*

GILLESPIE, ILLINOIS

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*After The Bicentennial—What?*

# *Wagon Train pilgrimage*

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## Another Valley Forge fiasco

*From this desk*

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# Another declaration

By JOE NIXON

Declaration of Independence, in Independence Hall. Philadelphia's leaders

# — Plain Dealing —

*Our view*

**Look below the  
hoopla and the  
meaning's there**

# City to advertise for Bicen tourists

## *Emergency campaign scheduled*

By John Corr  
*Inquirer Staff Writers*

An emergency newspaper, radio

Philadelphia, officials said.

The campaign will emphasize that Philadelphia is not crowded this summer.

"People apparently pictured huge crowds," Nunn said. "We want them to know there are plenty of hotel rooms, parking, transportation, and so forth."

Instead of hiring an advertising agency, the City Representative's Office will plan and carry out the campaign.

RICHMOND, MO.  
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WASHINGTON

July 20, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH  
FROM: MILT MITLER *MM*

Jack, in coordination with Jim Conner, Bud MacFarlane and Jeanne Davis, here is how we ended up with the carving plate and the letter:

Carving:

1776-1976  
"OUT OF MANY - ONE"  
Carved in Redwood and Presented To  
THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA  
from  
THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Letter:

"OUT OF MANY - ONE"  
THE LEGEND OF AMERICA  
Carved in Redwood

In this Bicentennial year, as a measure of the ties of friendship and cooperation that bind our peoples on this occasion, the United States of America is pleased to present to the people of your country this specially carved American Redwood plaque bearing the symbol of our nation, the American Bald Eagle, and carrying the legend of America: "Out of many - One".

Redwood is native to the United States. The Eagle and the legend are the history of our people. They represent 200 years of American Independence -- years during which time we have sought the friendship and cooperation of other nations to achieve a world of freedom, peace and prosperity.

In presenting this gift, with our appreciation for the part you have played in our national celebration, we look forward to the Third Century with hope and expectation for a better life for everyone.

Gerald R. Ford



THE SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
CARVED IN REDWOOD

In this Bicentennial year, and in appreciation for the manner in which your country has responded to the spirit of our 200th Anniversary, the United States of America is pleased to present to the people of your country this specially carved American Redwood plaque of The Seal of the United States of America.

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