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May 14, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR RON NESSEN

Attached are ten copies of the President's statement for National Handicapped Awareness Week. You might want to release this. I am also sending a copy to Bob Linder for inclusion in the Weekly Compilation.

Eliska Hasek

Atts.

cc: Bob Linder  
Sarah Massengale

EH:ck



*40 copies picked up by Easter Seal Society*

May 14, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR NANCY KENNEDY

Nancy, attached are 40 copies of the National Handicapped Awareness Week statement. I understand that you were going to send them with covering letters over Max' signature to the Senators and Congressmen who introduced Resolutions for a Proclamation.

Eliska Hasek

Atts.

40 copies of signed statement  
copy of ltr to Vickerman from Easter Seal Society  
letters from Sens. Curtis/Young and Cong. Abdnor

ck





May 14, 1976

Dear Miss Ford:

In connection with your telephone conversation with my secretary, I am happy to send you the enclosed twenty-five copies of the President's statement on National Handicapped Awareness Week.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Eliska Hasek  
Director  
Office of Presidential Messages

Miss Ann Ford  
Executive Director  
National Paraplegia Foundation  
333 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Enclosures: 25 copies of statement

SENT SPECIAL DELIVERY.

EH:ck  
cc: CF

May 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR BOB LINDER

Could I please have 200 copies of the attached message ASAP.

Thank you.

Eliska Hasek





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

National Handicapped Awareness Week  
May 16 - 22, 1976

I commend the attention of all Americans to National Handicapped Awareness Week. It is an observance which should remind us of our need to eliminate architectural barriers which still stand in the way of handicapped citizens and our need to build a system of public transportation which brings new mobility to those who are handicapped.

Our success in heeding the message of this observance can result in more jobs -- and a greater variety of jobs -- in more businesses and industries. It can bring closer the day when all our citizens have full access to public facilities and when all Americans can more fully exercise their inherent rights.

The message of National Handicapped Awareness Week should remain with us as a continuing commitment to enable handicapped Americans to achieve greater personal self-fulfillment and meaningful contribution to our society.

*Gerald R. Ford*

