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JACK STYLES

Q: Is Jack Styles doing political work for the President while drawing a salary paid by the taxpayers?

A: Jack Styles' status is that of a consultant. He originally came to Washington to assist the White House in the project to built a swimming pool, <sup>through public contributions</sup> As you may know, ~~xxxxxxx~~ he is ~~a~~ retired from the construction business. ~~xxxxxxx~~ He worked as an unpaid consultant at first and then <sup>became a paid consultant</sup> ~~went on the White House payroll~~ on October 1, 1974. ~~Since then, he has worked approximately 11 weeks.~~ <sup>His responsibilities do not include</sup> He is not doing any political work, fund raising or campaign organizing for the President.

Q: How much is he paid.

*for any day he works.*

A: He is paid ~~at the rate of \$125~~ <sup>out</sup> (He has been paid for *57 days* ~~about \$7,000~~ as a consultant; but he is only paid ~~on~~ <sup>on</sup> days that he works. *only 5 days a week maximum.* *Over Jan 18.*

Q: If he isn't doing political work, what ~~xxxxxx~~ has he been doing.

A: As I said, he started out helping to coordinate the efforts of the volunteers who were trying to ~~xxxxxxx~~ build a swimming pool at the White House. That project has been shelved. Since then, he has <sup>provided advise on</sup> ~~worked on studies of~~ what the housing industry might need to stimulate its recovery, he has also been doing some work ~~in~~ in connection with the Bicentennial Commission.



Factual --Projects JRS has worked on since September.

1. Coordinating efforts of the Volunteers for a White House Physical Fitness Center. (pool project.)

2. Preliminary study of Campaign Reform Act --for information only and to alert the Administration of some of the proscriptions of the bill.

3. ~~Assisted in assembling names for candidates for the new election committee.~~

4. <sup>advise</sup> ~~Assisted~~ on what the housing industry might need to stimulate recovery. Telephone and personal discussions with NAHB and others in the industry who have ~~requested~~ <sup>offered</sup> ~~discussions with Bill Coleman~~ <sup>discussions.</sup>

5. Meetings with Jack Marsh re progress and problems of BiCentennial. Also one meeting with Jack Warner.

6. ~~Touching bases with Bill Walker when requested on people known to me on whom he might have wanted a reference.~~

7. ~~Occasional meetings with the President, sometimes purely social; occasionally in reference to the above topics.~~

#### Possible Criticism of my activities as consultant

1. ~~That because I have studied the campaign reform act I have engaged in improper political activities.~~

I have in no way campaigned or prepared for active campaigning. My studies were for information only, on a subject of vital importance to the proper conduct of myself and others in the White House.

2. That the pool activity is improper. This became a problem for the White House because more than 250 letters were received urging the building of a pool. Although shelved, someone had to acknowledge the activity. This has been taken over by AJ Sehorn, his committee of "volunteers for a White House Fitness Center."

3. Housing --this is a field of expertise. I have no conflict of interest because I am retired from active business and do not own a single FHA insured mortgage or project. I contemplate none.

~~Specifically I have a possible conflict of interest is to bar anyone with practical experience in housing from giving the Administration advice on the subject.~~

4. Bi Centennial. I can see no problems.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY  
FROM: JERRY JONES *[Signature]*  
SUBJECT: Jack Stiles

Jack Stiles became a consultant on the White House rolls on October 1, 1974. He is paid at the rate of \$125 per day when actually working. This works out to an annual rate of \$32,500 if he works 5 day weeks or 260 days a year (consultants are only allowed to charge for 5 working days). This pay rate is approximately a GS-15 Step 3. Since becoming a Consultant, Stiles has worked 57 days through January 18th. In other words, he has worked eleven (11) plus weeks of the 16 weeks he has been a Consultant.

cc: Jack Hushen

$$\begin{array}{r} 125 \\ 57 \\ \hline 875 \\ 625 \\ \hline 7,125 \end{array}$$

Does this include expenses? Yes, travel expenses and per diem \$40

JACK STILES STATUS

Q -- Is the Chicago Tribune correct in saying that President Ford has fired his old friend Jack Stiles?

A -- I believe I said at a briefing January 23 that Stiles was a consultant to the President on a per diem basis, and has worked from time to time on matters where his services are useful. That is still his status.

Q -- When did Stiles last draw per diem pay as a consultant?

A -- The pay period ending February 1.

Q -- How much was he paid?

A -- Stiles was paid for 40 hours of work in the period from 1/19/75 to 2/1/75, or \$625.20.

Q -- How much has Stiles been paid so far this year?

A -- \$1,875.60

Q -- What sort of work has Stiles been doing?

A -- I understand he has been doing some work in connection with the Bicentennial Commission, and in connection with housing and industry problems.

Q -- Has he done any consulting work since February 1 ?

A -- That falls within the current pay period for which time cards have not been prepared as yet, but I understand Mr. Stiles has worked several days ~~in the~~ *this month.*

FYI: Stiles says about 5 days.

jack styles

Q: Didn't Styles review the Campaign Reform Act with an eye toward the 1976 election?

A: Mr. Styles is not a lawyer <sup>so he can't make a legal study.</sup> ~~he is a retired builder.~~  
~~However, he has been active in political campaigns in the past so he has some knowledge of how laws effect campaigns. When the project was suspended Mr. Styles~~ One of the items pending at the White House is the nomination of two persons to be on the Federal Election Commission. Mr. Styles ~~volunteered~~ to review the Campaign Act of 1974

Took place

Prior to reorganization of U. Bu. Hartmann now assigned to oversee political activities, and he has ~~been~~ ~~assigned~~ ~~to~~ make the study of the campaign reform act, where it belongs.  
Organizationally assigned to Jack Marshall.

