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THE WHITE HOUSE

INFORMATION

WASHINGTON

March 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: JIM CAVANAUGH *JC*
SUBJECT: FOR YOUR INFORMATION

You saw Creed Black today at the Coleman reception. You will remember he was Assistant Secretary for Legislation at HEW in 1969-1970. I thought you'd like to know that he is now Vice President and Editor of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

bcc: Ron Nesson




THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 16, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN
 ERIC ROSENBERGER

FROM: RED CAVANEY 

New policy guidance obtained recently indicates that only one White House photographer should be manifested on Presidential trips. This is meant to include Air Force One with no additional photographer on the press or any other plane.

Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

cc: Jerry Jones




THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 19, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY

FROM: JIM CAVANAUGH 

SUBJECT: President's Invitation, Via Ron Nessen,
to the President's Christmas Party for
the Press

My hat's off to someone for the "subtle" message by the omission on the attached list. I've really had some neat questions from other staff members who received the list.

Loyalty, hard work and long hours really do a lot for a guy around here.

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 29, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DICK CHENEY
JERRY JONES
JIM CAVANAUGH ✓
DAVE GERGEN
TERRY O'DONNELL

FROM:

RON NESSEN

The attached may be useful to you over the next few weeks.



THE WHITE HOUSE

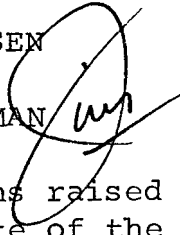
WASHINGTON

January 28, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

JIM SHUMAN 

SUBJECT:

Questions raised by critics of the State of the Union and Budget Messages.

Following are questions, which we should be prepared to answer, raised by critics of the State of the Union and Budget Messages:

- . How can the President justify increasing the defense budget when he is cutting back on social programs?
- . The President's State of the Union Message did not offer meaningful solutions to the problem of unemployment -- at least in the short-run. Why does he not believe the problem should be attacked on two fronts: the long-term front of creating strong, private sector jobs, and also the short-term of creating immediate relief either through extended unemployment benefits or public service jobs -- to get unemployment figures down to reasonable numbers.
- . Why is the President willing to accept an unemployment rate averaging more than seven percent during the coming year?
- . The State of the Union Message made no mention of the worsening conditions of American cities, of the environment, of race relations, of diminishing natural resources.



- . Many critics said the budget ceiling is unrealistic, that even if no new programs are added, the budget will grow by \$20 billion next year and that even if strenuous economies are achieved and costly programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid are overhauled, the budget cannot be reduced to anything like the President's figure.
- . Why has the President proposed a hike in social security taxes, which most economists feel hurts the low income wage earner the most, rather than meet part of the Social Security System's unfunded liabilities out of general revenues?
- . Figures on growth of government are erroneous. They fail to take into account the parallel growth of the private sector. Similarly, projections that government will, in 30 years, consume half the GNP are based on faulty projections.
- . How can the President say he is asking Congress for a \$10 billion tax cut, when he also is asking for a hike in Social Security tax rates and when this hike will leave a cut of only \$4.9 billion, even if the general tax cut is approved?
- . The President has urged creation of investment capital in an effort to produce permanent, meaningful jobs. What assurance does he have that money invested now in plants and equipment will produce long-term jobs rather than merely replace workers with more machines?
- . Some of those who have looked at the President's plan to protect 25 million Medicare patients against catastrophic illness have estimated it could cost twice the \$538 million stated in your budget. Why did he come in with a lower estimate?



- . The President said in his State of the Union Message that welfare programs "cannot be reformed overnight." But most people agree reform is urgently needed. Would he propose reform if he was elected in November? And will it be along the lines of the Nixon Administration floor under family income, as former HEW Secretary Weinberger suggested shortly before he left office?
- . At least one critic of the State of the Union Message noted that it failed to touch on some of the broader questions facing Americans. For example, it did not raise questions on the significance of human life in a modern society and the relationship of each individual to the nation, to the family and to the community.
- . The proposals for future federal spending in the budget seem to benefit the rich and the poor but to hurt the near-poor, those who are working but earning incomes just above the poverty line. Doesn't the President feel that withdrawing this group's eligibility for federal programs might not only pose a hardship on them but also lessen their incentive to work because they might be better off on welfare?
- . The President's vision of American's future still seems vague and slightly negative. He is against Big Government and bigness in general, but he hasn't chosen to define new relationships of the people to these big institutions to spell out specifically how he would attack the bigness. What is his program in this area?
- . And, finally, it was a political speech, aimed at heading off Ronald Reagan.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DEX TO BALTIMORE

DEX COPY TO RON NESSEN

July 16, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: LICK CHENEY
FROM: JIM CAVANAUGH
SUBJECT: Search for 26 Ghildren--2nd Wire Story

Here is the second wire story on the latest California development:

"WASHINGTON (AP)--President Ford authorized Atty. Gen. Edward H. Levi Friday to call on the resources of any Federal agency in the search for 26 children and a school bus driver who vanished in California.

"Press secretary Ron Nessen said Ford telephoned Levi after receiving an initial report from the FBI that said it will substantially increase its recourses [sic] devoted to the case.

"Nessen, who had described Ford earlier as 'quite concerned' for the safety of the children and their driver, said the FBI submitted a brief factual report to the President in mid-afternoon.

"Ford has asked to be kept informed about the case on a continuing basis."

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cc: Ron Nessen



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 10, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN

FROM: JIM CAVANAUGH

SUBJECT: Press Office Distribution of Briefing
Papers for the President

From time to time I have mentioned to you, to John Carlson, and other members of your staff my concern about finding copies of briefing papers for the President lying around the lower press office area. Obviously this practice still continues. Yesterday's Chicago Sun Times had an article quoting liberally from the President's briefing paper of September 7 on his meeting with Polish American leaders (Tab A).

I would appreciate receiving from you by c.o.b. Saturday your thoughts on how future occurrences like this can be prevented. I would also like to have the name of the person on your staff who you will hold accountable for the proper handling of these papers.

In the event of another occurrence, distribution of these papers to your office will be terminated, and you will be asked for recommendations on what disciplinary action should be considered for those involved in violating your new procedures.

Attachment

cc: Dick Cheney
Jim Connor



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Ford follows his script with U.S.-Polish

leaders

Kuropas confirmed that Ford had singled out the head

By David Murray
Sun-Times Bureau
WASHINGTON — President Ford met with a score of Polish-American leaders Wednesday

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 7, 1976

MEETING WITH POLISH AMERICAN LEADERS

Wednesday, September 8, 1976

2:00 p. m.

The Cabinet Room

From: Myron B. Kuropas
William J. Baroody

I. PURPOSE

To respond to a request for such a meeting from Aloysius A. Mazewski, President, Polish American Congress

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

A. Background: In anticipation of the Polish American Congress Convention scheduled for Philadelphia later this month, President Mazewski has requested a meeting to discuss present conditions in Poland, Affirmative Action programs, Polish jokes in the mass media and Polish participation in the Ford Administration.

At the request of the National Security Council, a foreign policy briefing will precede your arrival coupled with a briefing from the Office of Public Liaison. You need address only domestic policy issues.

B. Participants: (See attached list)

C. Press Plan: Full White House Press Corps coverage with TV prior to beginning of session.

III. TALKING POINTS

1. I'm delighted to have this opportunity to meet with you and to respond to your concerns.



2. Before we begin, Al, I just want you to know how pleased I am with the outstanding work Leonard Walentynowicz and Mitchell Kobelinski have been doing as members of my Administration. You and the Polish American community can be very proud of them.
3. Mitch, I especially enjoyed your interview in U. S. News and World Report. Congratulations.
4. I'm also pleased with the large number of meetings Polish American leaders have attended here in the White House during the past year. We need your in-put and we welcome it.
5. As you know, Al, I'm distressed by the manner in which some of our television stations are dealing with Polish Americans. We have no place in our society for ethnic slurs. I've asked Bill and Myron to meet with the Federal Communications Commissioner to see if we're doing all that we can to put an end to such tactics.
6. I'm also concerned with the way in which discrimination seems to linger in our society. Our nation's strength is based upon the concept of equal opportunity for all Americans. I am personally committed to the goal of eliminating discrimination on the basis of race, creed or national origin. I also believe, however, that the use of inflexible, mechanical means of achieving equality of opportunity -- such as quotas -- is inappropriate and, in the long run, detrimental to the overall effort.

Several months ago, I directed HEW Secretary Mathews and Labor Secretary Usery to review existing Federal affirmative action programs to insure that these programs were effectively carrying out their mandates -- to protect the rights of all Americans -- in a manner consistent with my overall philosophy. I expect to have the results of their review in the coming weeks.



Polish American Leadership

Mr. Joseph Bialasiewicz
Editor
POLONIA

Mr. Henry Dende
President
Polish Union of the United States

Congressman Edward Derwinski

Mr. Richard E. Jablonski
President
Union of Poles in America

Mr. Valentine Janicki
President
Polish Alma Mater

Mr. Daniel Kij
Polish Union of America

Mr. Mitchell Kobelinski
Administrator
Small Business Administration

Mr. Zbigniew A. Konikowski
President
Polish Army Veterans Association

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POLISH DAILY NEWS

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Mr. Robert Lewandowski
Le Van Enterprises, Inc.

Mr. Aloysius A. Mazewski
President
Polish National Alliance of the USA



Mrs. Lillian J. Miciak
Director
Polish American Congress

Mr. Kazimerz Olejarczyk
President
Michigan Division of Polish American Congress

Mr. Joseph L. Osajda
President
Polish Roman Catholic Union

Dr. Walter Sikora

Mr. Dennis Voss
Chairman of the Board
Parkway Bank

Mr. Leonard Walentynowicz
Administrator
Bureau of Security & Consular Affairs
Department of State

Mr. Boleslaw Wierzbianski
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POLISH DAILY NEWS

Mrs. Elaine Wojcik
Vice President
Polish Womens Alliance

Staff

Mr. William J. Baroody
Dr. Myron B. Kuropas



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 11, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN

FROM: JIM CAVANAUGH 

I am returning this to you. No one made any allegations of leaking or untrustworthiness. The memo simply referred to reviewing procedures on Presidential papers and ensuring accountability for sensitive documents.

I'm glad we had a chance to visit about this last evening.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 10, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CAVANAUGH

FROM: RON NESSEN *RHN*

I am totally baffled by your unfounded accusation that someone in the Press Office leaked or showed a copy of the President's briefing paper for his meeting with Polish-Americans to a reporter from the Chicago Sun Times.

Who else in the White House had this briefing paper? I suspect several dozen copies of the paper were in circulation. My experience has been that the staff of the White House Press Office is far more careful of sensitive documents around reporters than most other members of other offices.

This is the second time in recent weeks that you have accused a member of the White House Press Office staff of leaking information to the press. There was no evidence in either case. I resent this, Jim. I'm not going to allow you to disparage or unfairly accuse members of my staff. This is the hardest working, most loyal and dedicated and most trustworthy group of people I have ever worked with anywhere. I have seen no evidence that any other office in the White House has a staff more loyal and trustworthy than mine.

If you seriously suspect my staff of what you have accused them of twice, the answer is not to cut off the information we need to do our job for the President; the answer is to have the President fire me and the rest of my staff this afternoon and build a new Press Office that you trust.

Should the President decide not to fire the Press Office today, the answer to your question is: The person in the Press Office who can be held accountable in this and all other matters is named Ron Nessen.

cc: Dick Cheney
Jim Connor



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 10, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR
FROM: JIM CAVANAUGH
SUBJECT: Distribution of the President's
Briefing Papers

I recommend an immediate change in the format of the briefing papers for the President. Page 1 of the briefing paper should only include Roman numerals I and II. Under no circumstances should the talking points appear on the first page.

My second recommendation is that in the distribution of the briefing papers that the Press Office only receive the first page. Frankly, there is no reason why they need the additional information for most of the meetings that the President has.

I think the attached copy of my memorandum to Ron Nessen will provide more than enough background on why this procedure must be changed immediately.

Attachments

cc: Dick Cheney
✓ Ron Nessen



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 10, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: RONALD NESSEN
FROM: DAVID C. HOOPES *DS*
SUBJECT: Change in Briefing Paper Format

Hereafter Briefing Papers will be prepared with only the following paragraphs on the FIRST PAGE:

I. PURPOSE

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xxxxxxxxxx.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

A. Background: xxx xxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

B. Participants: xxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

C. Press Plan: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

On the SECOND PAGE will appear:

III. TALKING POINTS

1. xxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

2. xx xxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

If you or your staff have any questions on this new format, please call me.

Thank you.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 16, 1976

MEMO FOR: DICK CHENEY
 RON NESSEN

FROM: JIM CAVANAUGH

Attached is Tom Braden's article in this morning's
Post.

Ron, I think this is one you ought to copy and
pass around.

Attachment



WASHINGTON POST
Sat., Oct. 16, 1976 15

Tom Bruden

The Carter Mystery

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—The traveling
press that follows Jimmy Carter's

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SEND TO DICK CHENEY

October 30, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY
FROM: JIM CAVANAUGH
SUBJECT: Telegram to Eugene Gold

Attached is a telegram that David Lissy and Max Fisher want to send to Eugene Gold and release to the press. Lissy has been in touch with Gold, who also serves as the district attorney of Brooklyn, and he has no problem with our releasing the telegram to the media.

Brent Scowcroft and Stu Spencer have signed off on the telegram.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that we send it immediately and release it to the press.

 Approve Disapprove



TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

FULL RATE
(STRAIGHT TELEGRAM)
NIGHT LETTER
MAILGRAM

October 30, 1976

STRAIGHT WIRE

Hon. Eugene Gold
Chairman
National Conference on Soviet Jewry
11 West 42nd Street
New York, New York 10036

I greatly appreciate your recent inquiries, and I fully share the concern you have expressed for the Soviet Jews petitioning for their right to emigrate. Together with all Americans, I attach the highest importance to the right of people everywhere to exercise fundamental rights, including the rights of freedom of speech and freedom of emigration.

At my direction, Secretary of State Kissinger has called in the Soviet Ambassador to underscore our concern in this specific instance and to stress the importance that we as a people attach to the need for respect of human rights.

As President, since the day I took office, I have impressed upon governments everywhere, including the Soviet government, the importance we attach to these issues. The results of this responsible diplomacy have been decidedly positive.

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TELEGRAM

FULL RATE
(STRAIGHT TELEGRAM)
NIGHT LETTER
MAILGRAM

The White House
Washington

(Hon. Eugene Gold, October 30, 1976, continued)

We will continue at all levels to impress upon the Soviet government--and other governments as well--the importance the American people attach to humanitarian rights.

We shall do so forcefully, but responsibly, as befits an issue of such importance.

GERALD R. FORD



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