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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:  JACK MARSH
FROM:  DICK LUKSTAF
SUBJECT:  BICENTENNIAL EVENTS
          JULY 1-7, 1976

Attached is the current compilation of major
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Russ
MEMORANDUM FOR: Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counselor to the President

SUBJECT: National Independence Weekend in Washington, D.C.

ARBA is continuously collecting all information relative to programs related to the Bicentennial being scheduled for the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area. Attached is an up-to-date listing of the data we have covering July 3, 4 and 5, 1976.

Enclosure:
List
July 3 - National Heritage Day

FLAG RAISING CEREMONIES - Washington Monument (tentative)
   (Involving young representatives from each State)
   Sponsor: (Suggested) "Honor America" Organization
   Contact: John Cosgrove - 927 National Press Building,
   Washington, D.C., 20045, Phone: (202) 328-3400

NATION DAY OBSERVANCE - Washington Cathedral (two-or three-day celebration)
   (Liturgy/Festival Concerts/Open House)
   Sponsor: Washington Cathedral
   Contact: Richard Dirksen - Washington Cathedral, Mt. St. Alban,
   Washington, D.C., 20016, Phone: (202) 966-3500

FESTIVAL OF AMERICAN FOLKLIFE - Mall (an ongoing event)
   (Designed to present the art, music, dance, food and stories
    of our people - participation of some 40 Nations expected)
   Sponsor: Smithsonian Institution
   Contact: Jim Morris, Smithsonian Festival of American Folklife,
   Washington, D.C., 20506, Phone: (202) 381-6515

FREEDOM TRAIN - Washington Area (June 30 - July 5)
   (25 car train carrying some 700 historical items)
   Sponsor: American Freedom Train Foundation
   Contact: Don Mallicoat/Al Bruce - American Freedom Train
   Foundation, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Suite 800, Baileys Crossroads, Va., 22041, Phone: (703) 820-7300

CENTENNIAL SAFE (U.S. CONGRESS) - Capitol (possible July 3rd or 4th
   event)
   (Opening and Display of Safe presented to Congress
   in 1876 by Mrs. Charles Deihm containing commonly
   used items of period)
   Sponsor: U.S. Congress
   Contact: George White, Architect, U.S. Congress, Washington, D.C.,
   20515, Phone: (202) 225-1200
SALUTE TO THE STATES - Wolf Trap (tentative)

(A musical salute to our 50 States by various participating musical groups and artists)

Sponsor: Tom Rother, Manager, Wolf Trap Farm for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna, Va., 22180,
Phone: (703) 938-3810

HONOR AMERICA PROGRAM - Kennedy Center

(A gala variety program with Country's top entertainment - with VIP guest list, possibly including President)

National TV coverage - huge fireworks display following program

Sponsor: Honor America Organization
Contact: John Cosgrove - 927 National Press Building, Washington, D.C., 20045, Phone: (202) 628-3400

July 4 - National Independence Day

NATION DAY OBSERVANCE - Washington Cathedral
(See July 3 Listing)

FESTIVAL OF AMERICAN FOLKLIFE - Mall
(See July 3 Listing)

FREEDOM TRAIN - Washington Area
(See July 3 Listing)

CENTENNIAL SAFE (U.S. CONGRESS) - Capitol
(See July 3 Listing)

VIKING SPACE VEHICLE LANDING ON MARS - (tentative)

(Soft landing of unmanned spacecraft on Mars - expected to tie in with opening of new Air and Space Museum)

Sponsor: National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Contact: John Donnelly, 400 Maryland Ave., SW, Washington, D.C., 20546, Phone: (202) 755-3828
THE NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM
(Opening of this is now scheduled for July 4)
Sponsor: Smithsonian Institution
Contact: Mrs. Susan Hamilton, 1000 Jefferson Drive, SW,
Washington, D.C., Phone: (202) 381-6228

RINGING OF ALL BELLS IN THE NATION'S CAPITOL - (in conjunction with National Program)
(This is tentatively scheduled for 2:p.m.)
Sponsor: Happy Birthday, USA
Contact: Lawrence Stinchcomb, 736 Jackson Place, NW.,
Washington, D.C., 20276, Phone: (202) 382-1876

"OUR CAPITOL: FREEDOM SPEAKS" - Sound and Light Historama - Capitol
(This program is supposed to start July 4th but there is a strong doubt of it becoming a reality)
Sponsor: U.S. Capitol Historical Society
Contact: U.S. Capitol Historical Society, 200 Maryland Ave., NE,
Washington, D.C., 20515, Phone: (202) 543-8919

NATIONAL VISITOR CENTER - Union Station
(Opening of this ongoing project - a welcome area, theater and audio visual equipment)
Sponsor: National Park Service
Contact: National Visitor Center, Union Station, Washington, D.C.,
20002, Phone: (202) 523-5300

NATIONWIDE BICENTENNIAL INFORMATION CENTER - National Visitor Center
(Opening of this ongoing project, "Discover the USA" exhibit - designed to motivate visits to sites and activities throughout the Country)
Sponsor: National Park Service, National Capital Parks and ARBA
Contact: Bicentennial Coordinator, National Parks Service,
1100 Ohio Drive, SW, Washington, D.C., 20242,
Phone: (202) 426-6646

SOUND AND LIGHT SHOW - MT. VERNON
(Gift from French to U.S.)
Sponsor: French Government
Contact: Mr. Dominique Souchet, French Embassy, 2635 Belmont Rd.,
NW, Washington, D.C., 20008, Phone: (202) AD4-0990
NATIONAL PAGEANT OF FREEDOM/SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL -
Capitol and Washington Monument

(This event will be covered by National TV and will include
musical presentations, an address by the President
or Vice President, hopefully, and a gigantic fire­
works display)
Sponsor: Happy Birthday, USA
Contact: Lawrence Stinchcomb, 736 Jackson Place, NW,
Washington, D.C., 20276, Phone: (202) 382-1876

July 5  - National Horizons Day

NATION DAY OBSERVANCE  - Washington Cathedral
(See July 3 Listing)

FESTIVAL OF AMERICAN FOLKLIFE - Mall
(See July 3 Listing)

FREEDOM TRAIN - Washington Area
(See July 3 Listing)

CENTENNIAL SAFE (U.S. Congress) - Capitol
(Proposed putting new materials in safe and closing for another
100 years)  (See July 3 Listing)

THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL GRAND PARADE - Constitution/Independence
Avenues
(This gala parade starting at noon will have as its theme.
"A Nation of Nations," "We, the People . . ."
It will have national TV coverage - each State will participate)
Sponsor: Happy Birthday - USA
Contact: Lawrence Stinchcomb, 736 Jackson Place, NW., Washington,
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MEMORANDUM FOR:  DICK CHENEY
FROM:  BRENT SCOWCROFT
SUBJECT:  Upcoming Events Suitable for Presidential Participation in the National Security Community

In reply to your request, attached are calendars of events scheduled to take place during the next thirty days under the sponsorship of the Department of State (Tab A) and Defense (Tab B), which you may wish to consider with a view toward Presidential participation.

In addition to the events listed in the attachments, you should also be aware of the following:

-- We anticipate that negotiations with the Soviet Union toward an agreement to limit peaceful nuclear explosions (PNEs), will be concluded shortly so as to facilitate a signing ceremony here in the White House prior to May 18.

I will keep you informed as additional possibilities surface or changes occur in the schedules attached.
MAY

11 President and Mrs. Ford Host Luncheon for Danish Queen Margrethe II

10-14 Credentials Ceremony for the Ambassadors of Bolivia, Czechoslovakia, and Yemen

20 Proposed meeting for former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir (30-45 minutes)

17-29 Proposed farewell call for Liberian Ambassador Peal (10 minutes)

17-20 State Visit of French President Giscard d'Estaing

-- Possible office meeting with Sierra Leone President Stevens

JUNE

2-4 State Visit of Spanish King Juan Carlos

9 Private Visit of Botswana President Khama at 11 AM (30 minutes)

9-12 Proposed US-Canadian Border Meeting with Prime Minister Trudeau

10-11 Proposed office meeting for Sudanese President Nimeiri (30-45 minutes)

15-16 Official Visit of Greek Prime Minister Caramanlis

26 Possible courtesy call by Mayor of Linz, Germany

29-30 Proposed office meeting for Presidential Advisor Naim of Afghanistan (30 minutes)

-- Possible Rambouillet II Conference in the U.S. with Heads of State of France, Germany, Japan, Canada and UK

JULY

2 Courtesy Call for Norwegian Crown Prince and Princess at 11 AM (10 minutes)

7-10 State Visit of Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain

15-16 Official Visit of German Chancellor Schmidt

20 President and Mrs. Ford Host White Tie Reception for the Diplomatic Corps
JULY (continued)

27-28 or 28-29 Proposed Official Visit to Washington of Australian Prime Minister Fraser

-- Possible office call for Turkish Opposition leader Ecevit
-- Possible office call for Saudi Prince Abdullah bin Abd al Aziz al Saud
-- Possible visit of Dutch Prime Minister
-- Possible call for Monaco Rainier III and Princess Grace
-- Possible call by IADB Delegation

AUGUST

Early Proposed State Visit for Finland President Kekkonen

SEPTEMBER

14 State Visit of Brazilian President Geisel

-- State Visit approved for Liberian President Tolbert, possibly September or October.

-- Official Visit approved for Sir Lanka Prime Minister Bandaranaike, possibly late September.

-- Possible call by NATO Permanent Representatives

OCTOBER

5 State Visit of Venezuelan President Perez

-- Possible call by Lesotho Prime Minister Jonathan

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NAVY EVENTS FORTHCOMING

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18-21 NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE NAVY LEAGUE OF THE U.S. - Boston

   SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES
   MAY 19 - SEA SERVICES LUNCHEON
   MAY 20 - AWARDS LUNCHEON (SECNAV CURRENTLY SCHEDULED)
   MAY 21 - BREAKFAST
   MAY 21 - BANQUET (COD CURRENTLY SCHEDULED)

22 PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI — CHRISTENING OF THE USS COMTE de GRASSE
   (DD974) (Madame Giscard D’Estaing will do the honors)

25 POSEIDON MISSILE SHOT — CAPE CANAVARAL

27 MARINE CORPS DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION COMPOUND — QUANTICO AV8A
   HARRIER DEMONSTRATION

28 BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI — RIBBON CUTTING

29 TARAWA (LHA-1) COMMISSIONING, PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI

JUNE

2 NAVAL ACADEMY GRADUATION — (SEC Rumsfeld CURRENTLY SCHEDULED)

12 PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI — CHRISTENING USS O’BRIEN (DD975)

16 NAVY NIGHT AT THE POPS — BOSTON
   — ARTHUR FIEDLER, SECRETARY MIDDENDORF
   — APPEARANCE BY PRESIDENT WOULD BE GREAT

17 USS CONSTITUTION INTERNATIONAL BICENTENNIAL TURNAROUND —
   PRESIDENT COULD WITNESS AS REVIEWING OFFICER FROM BAY
   STATE — HIS DAUGHTER HAS BEEN INVITED — RECOMMEND SHE ACCEPT

26 PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI — COMMISSIONING USS KINCAID (DD965)

JULY

4 INTERNATIONAL NAVAL REVIEW, NEW YORK — PARADE OF SAILS

9 INTERNATIONAL SEAPOWER SYMPOSIUM — NAVAL WAR COLLEGE (SEC
   Ellsworth now scheduled to speak. Audience is foreign
   Chiefs of Naval Operations and other Int. Dignitaries)
JULY (continued)

10    OPSAIL - REVIEW - BOSTON - TALL SHIPS-SAME AS NEW YORK

11    U.S.S. CONSTITUTION MEETS QUEEN OF ENGLAND'S SHIP AS SHE ARRIVES -
      FIRES GUN SALUTE - BOSTON

31    LAUNCHING NUCLEAR POWERED GUIDED MISSILE CRUISER MISSISSIPPI -
      NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

AUGUST

12    NAVY BAND'S CHILDREN'S CONCERT AT JEFFERSON MEMORIAL —
      WASHINGTON, D.C. — 6-10,000 AULIUS & CHILDREN —
      RECOMMEND PRESIDENT MAKE APPEARANCE
AIR FORCE EVENTS FORTHCOMING

Thomas D. White Award Parade/General John Ryan to be recipient.

4 to 6,000 expected to attend.

Local and Denver media invited.
10-15 May 1976

Spokane, Washington, Fairchild AFB (SAC).

Lilac Week Festival.

Fairchild AFB Open House. (16 May 1976)

50,000 expected.
14-16 May 1976  Wichita, Kansas, McConnell AFB (SAC).

Wichitennial River Parade, 14 May.
100,000 expected.

McConnell AFB Open House, 16 May.
60,000 expected.

Armed Forces Day Open House and Dedication of new dorm in honor of World War II Medal of Honor winner Sgt Mathies and park dedication.

1,000 to 6,000 expected.
15 May 1976

San Antonio, Texas, Kelly AFB, (AFLC).

Armed Forces Day Open House.

100,000 expected.
15 May 1976 Torrance, California (AFSC).

Armed Forces Day Parade followed by reception at Long Beach Naval Air Station.

20-30,000 expected to view parade.
15 May 1976

Colorado Springs, CO., Peterson Field, (NORAD/ADCOM).

Armed Forces Day Joint Ceremony - Fort Carson Air Force Academy, Peterson Field.

50-75,000 expected to attend.

Armed Forces Week Exposition.

200,000 expected.
16 May 1976  Biloxi, Mississippi, Keesler AFB (ATC).

Open House Thunderbird demonstration and reception.

Governor and civic leaders expected to attend.

50-70,000 expected.
29 May 1976  Columbus, Ohio, Rickenbacker AFB, (SAC).

Rickenbacker AFB Open House.

75,000 expected.

Armed Forces Day Open House.

20,000 expected.

Graduation Parade.

Local and regional media expected.

10 thousand expected.

Graduation ceremony and Thunderbirds demonstration.

Vice President is scheduled to speak.
Local and regional media invited.

20 thousand expected.
14 June 1976

Cape Canaveral, Florida, Kennedy Space Center (NASA).

U.S. Bicentennial Exposition on Science and Technology (U.S. BEST).

Official opening of first federally sponsored exposition.

5-10 thousand expected.

Open House with Thunderbirds Scheduled.

160,000 total expected for two days.
Washington, D.C., Smithsonian Institution
Air and Space Museum.

Official dedication and opening of museum
with ribbon cutting.

The President is expected to dedicate the
museum with remarks.
2 July 1976

Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Pease AFB, (SAC).

Portsmouth Bicentennial Celebration.

50,000 expected.

Bicentennial Open House.

10-12,000 expected to attend.
29 July 1976

Cheyenne, Wyoming, Francis E. Warren AFB, (SAC).

Francis E. Warren AFB Open House held in conjunction with Frontier Days.

50,000 expected.
17-23 May 1976


19 May

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (CINCS) CONFERENCE, MCQUELL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA
May 18, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: DICK CHENEY
FROM: JACK MARSH
SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL - 4TH OF JULY SCHEDULE

The following have been working on this problem:

Russ Sourke
Ted Marrs
Milt Miller
Bill Nicholson
Jack Marsh

You may wish to include one or more of the following:

Jerry Jones
Jim Connor
Dave Gergen

JCM: cb
MEMORANDUM FOR:  RICHARD CHENEY
FROM:   WILLIAM NICHOLSON
INFORMATION:   JERRY JONES
SUBJECT:  Proposed Presidential Schedule vis-a-vis the Bicentennial Celebration, July 1-5

Thursday, July 1

11:00 a.m.
(60 min)

Dedicate the National Air and Space Museum. This latest addition to the Smithsonian Institution system is ready to open and the dedication ceremony will be one of the major Bicentennial activities in the city.

The museum was conceived back in 1946 when Congress established a National Air Museum to "memorialize the national development of aviation." The new site, on the Mall along Independence Avenue between 4th and 7th Streets, was chosen in 1958. In 1966, Congress amended the name to the National Air and Space Museum and set a $40 million limit for construction. The building was begun in 1972.

The museum will contain 200,000 square feet of exhibit space and 26 exhibit halls. The exhibits will rotate from time to time as funds allow and will range from man's first aspirations to fly to his landing on the moon. One of the special and permanent displays will be the Wright Kitty Hawk Flyer.

In addition to the halls, there are two special purpose chambers. The first is a theater with a seating capacity of 480, and the second, which will be known as the Einstein Spacearium, will facilitate 200 persons who can sit in a circle under a dome 78 feet in diameter and watch accurate simulations of the sky and flight into space.
The telescope-projector to be used in the Spacearium is a Bicentennial gift to our nation from the Federal Republic of Germany.

John Warner and John Marsh recommends.

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Friday, July 2

11:00 a.m. (10 min)

Greet Crown Prince Harald of Norway and his wife, Princess Sonja who will be in the US to present a $200,000 Bicentennial gift to the President from the people of Norway. The monies will be used to construct a health and sports center for the handicapped which will probably be located in Minnesota. Previously approved.

11:15 a.m. (10 min)

Greet Spencer W. Kimball, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints who will present the President a statuette replica of the Mormon Pioneer Memorial Monument, the Church's Bicentennial gift to the Nation. Previously approved.

Saturday, July 3

12:00 Noon (60 min)

Deliver address at the National Archives at ceremony in honor of the Declaration of Independence. It is most appropriate to pay tribute to the Declaration of Independence, the document which is central to the entire Bicentennial celebration. John Warner and John Marsh have suggested a ceremony on the steps of the National Archives building where the President would be accompanied by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The President would speak, after which he and the other dignitaries would enter the Rotunda of the Archives to view the Declaration of Independence. The President's address would be public...
ceremony with seating in front of the Archives and in a special area opposite across Constitution Avenue.

8:30 p.m. (approximate time)

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FROM: WILLIAM NICHOLSON

INFORMATION: JERRY JONES

SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Schedule vis-a-vis the Bicentennial Celebration, July 1-5

Thursday, July 1

11:00 a.m.
(60 min)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
May 19, 1976

Dedicate the National Air and Space Museum. This latest addition to the Smithsonian Institution system is ready to open and the dedication ceremony will be one of the major Bicentennial activities in the city.

The museum was conceived back in 1946 when Congress established a National Air Museum to "memorialize the national development of aviation." The new site, on the Mall along Independence Avenue between 4th and 7th Streets, was chosen in 1958. In 1966, Congress amended the name to the National Air and Space Museum and set a $40 million limit for construction. The building was begun in 1972.

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The telescope-projector to be used in the Spacearium is a Bicentennial gift to our nation from the Federal Republic of Germany.

John Warner and John Marsh recommends.

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11:00 a.m.
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12:00 Noon
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