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December 1, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: ✓ BOB ORBEN
HELEN COLLINS
TERRY O'DONNELL

FROM: WILLIAM NICHOLSON *WUN*

SUBJECT: Filmed message for testimonial luncheon
for Congressman Hebert

The President will tape a message for a testimonial luncheon for Congressman Hebert on December 10 at 11:30 A. M. Attached is background from our files. Tom Reso of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce has been notified and is expecting to hear from Helen Collins when the tape is ready.

cc: Max Friedersdorf - fyi

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OF THE NEW ORLEANS AREA

November 1, 1976

Mr. William Nicholson
Director, Scheduling Office
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

16 mm film

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Dear Mr. Nicholson:

It was suggested to me by Helen Collins that I submit this request to you for proper handling.

The New Orleans Chamber will hold its annual meeting on December 17. At this meeting the Chamber will also pay fitting tribute to retiring Congressman F. Edward Hebert, who is completing his 18th consecutive term of office. The testimonial and keynote address will be delivered by Ambassador to Great Britain Anne Armstrong, a native of New Orleans and a long-time friend of Congressman Hebert. This will be her first public appearance in New Orleans since her appointment to Great Britain by the President.

We would like the President to participate in this event by means of a filmed message. He and Congressman Hebert spent 25 years together on Capitol Hill and are close, personal friends. We intend to use this message during the luncheon to bring further honor and recognition to a man who has served his state and nation for 36 years. We would prefer to use a 16mm film, but if circumstances do not permit this then an audio tape and color transparency would be appropriate.

I realize the rigors of the election and its aftermath will take understandable precedent over requests such as this one; nevertheless, your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Cordially,

Thomas A. Reso

Thomas A. Reso
Manager
Communications Department

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(Boorstin)

December 7, 1976
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FILMED MESSAGE FOR NEW ORLEANS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING
HONORING CONGRESSMAN HEBERT, FOR FILMING DECEMBER 10, 1976

I am proud to join the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, Ambassador Armstrong, and your other distinguished guests in paying tribute to a great American, Congressman Eddie Hebert.

This is not the first time I have joined others in honoring Eddie Hebert. The fact is, he has been honored many times, and for a very good reason -- he has earned the warmest thanks of the American people.

Back in 1940, when he first ran for the Congress, Eddie said he would serve only one term. Now that he is retiring after 18 consecutive terms -- 36 years of outstanding public service -- we can only be grateful that he didn't fulfill that particular campaign promise.

The citizens of Louisiana are grateful for the countless ways in which he has helped make their state an even better place to live.

All Americans are grateful for his staunch and successful efforts on their behalf. In particular, Eddie Hebert has stood for two crucial things -- fiscal responsibility and a strong defense. He has played a key role in making America the strong and secure Nation we are today.

When I first came to the Congress in 1949, Eddie, you had already served there for almost a decade. In the years that followed we developed a close personal relationship of which I am very proud. Although we worked on different sides of the aisle, and we had some disputes now and then, you always inspired admiration and respect. I know our warm friendship will continue for many years to come.

So, Eddie -- as President, as a former colleague, and as a friend -- let me say this: You have done a great job for your constituents and for the American people. I know you will keep right on working for them with the highest honor and distinction.

Thank you, and God bless you.

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