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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 1, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF  
THRU: VERN LOEN *VL*  
FROM: DOUGLAS P. BENNETT ~~DBB~~  
SUBJECT: Rep. Don Clancy

I had submitted the attached Schedule Proposal for Don Clancy. Warren Rustand turned it down because Mrs. Prem is president of a local organization rather than national. Clancy feels strongly about this meeting and I am wondering if you feel we should go back and urge this one again.

cc: Bob Wolthuis

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: April 17, 1975

Thru: Max L. Friedersdorf  
Vern Loen *VL*

From: Douglas P. Bennett *DPB*

Via: William Nicholson

MEETING:

Representative Donald D. Clancy, R-Ohio, and  
Mrs. Lee Jones Prem, President of the Epilepsy  
Enlightment Group in Cincinnati, Ohio

DATE:

At the convenience of the President

PURPOSE:

To discuss the problems facing epileptics in this  
country and possible solutions.

FORMAT:

- The Oval Office
- 5 Minutes

PARTICIPANTS:

The President  
Rep. Don Clancy  
Mrs. Lee Jones Prem  
Mr. John T. Murphy, President of AVCO Broadcasting  
Douglas P. Bennett (Staff)

CABINET PARTICIPANTS:

None

SPEECH MATERIAL:

Briefing paper and talking points  
to be furnished

PRESS COVERAGE:

Announce to press  
White House Photographer only

STAFF:

Douglas P. Bennett

RECOMMEND:

Max L. Friedersdorf

OPPOSED:

None

PREVIOUS

PARTICIPATION:

None

BACKGROUND:

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APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

DISAPPROVE           X          

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Because local gp.

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

March 21, 1975

Honorable Douglas P. Bennett  
Special Assistant for Legislative  
Affairs (House)  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doug:

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Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

  
DONALD D. CLANCY



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE

I spoke with Paul Sonnabend this afternoon, advising him of the "facts of life" with regard to the proposed meeting with the President. I was very frank with Sonnabend, and gave him a very candid run-down on the entire matter. He appreciated our frankness, and requested that the proposed meeting with the President be scrubbed.

He hastily added that he was enthusiastic about assisting the President in any area wherein his services might prove helpful...has only to request his volunteer assistance.

cc: CLeppert ✓  
WRustand  
TMarrs





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

DATE: April 26, 1975  
FROM: Charles Leppert *CL*  
THRU: Max Friedersdorf  
Vern Loen *VL*  
VIA: Warren Rustand

MEETING: Rep. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. (D-Mass.)

DATE: Week of May 5, 1975

PURPOSE: To give Rep. O'Neill the opportunity to introduce to the President, Mr. Paul Sonnabend, Chairman of the Board of "We, the People", a volunteer organization sponsoring a Bicentennial Fair to be held in West Potomac Park, April - June 1976.

FORMAT: The Oval Office (15 minutes)  
The President  
Rep. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.  
Mr. Paul Sonnabend  
Charles Leppert, Jr. (staff)

CABINET PARTICIPATION: Secretary Rogers B. Morton (Interior)

SPEECH MATERIAL: Talking points

PRESS COVERAGE: None - White House Photographer

STAFF: Charles Leppert, Jr.

RECOMMEND: Max L. Friedersdorf

OPPOSED: None

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

BACKGROUND: 1. "We, the People" was established by the volunteer sector of the country, which conceived a three month Fair, a Bicentennial celebration to be held in Washington, D. C. from April - June of 1976.



2. The Fair is to be located on a 25-acre site in West Potomac Park; the land was donated by the National Park Service. More than 25 of the Nation's largest volunteer-coordinating organizations have endorsed this proposal and are planning the exhibits; business and government are contributing materials and expertise; architects, site planners, exhibit designers and engineering firms are creating the environment, designing structures and coordinating volunteer exhibits.
3. The Fair will provide an educational forum where volunteer organizations in America can tell their story, recruit new volunteers and exchange information. All volunteer organizations are invited to participate, and are given free space to do so.
4. Mrs. Ford is the Honorary Chairman of the Board of Directors of "We, the People."
5. Mr. Sonnabend, a close friend of Rep. O'Neill, would like to discuss with the President, the site preparation money. Although most of the financing has been raised from private sources, Mr. Sonnabend has discussed the money matter with Department of Interior Secretary Morton.



THOMAS P. O'NEILL, JR.  
MASSACHUSETTS  
MAJORITY LEADER

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Office of the Majority Leader  
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 21, 1975

Mr. Charles Leppert  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Charlie:

I am writing to request that you arrange a meeting between the President and Paul Sonnabend.

Paul is a close friend of mine from Boston. He is Chairman of the Board of "We, the People", an organization that is sponsoring a Bicentennial Fair to be held in the West Potomac Park.

He would like to meet with the President to discuss plans for the Fair. While most of the financing has been raised from private sources, some site preparation money must be provided by the Interior Department. Paul has discussed this matter with Secretary Morton.

Should you be unable to set up an appointment for Paul with the President, I would appreciate your assistance in having him see Don Rumsfeld or Vice President Rockefeller.

Thank you for your help.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

*Tip*  
Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.

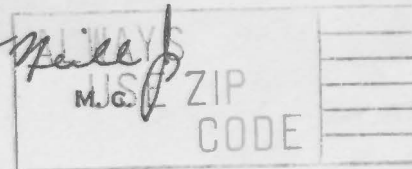
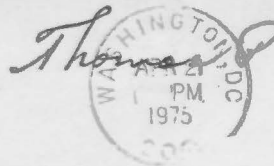
**Congress of the United States**

**House of Representatives**

**OFFICE OF MAJORITY LEADER**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515**

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**Mr. Charles Leppert**  
**Special Assistant to the President**  
**the White House**  
**Washington, D.C.**

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 1, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE *re*

Jack, please note attached schedule proposal re Tip O'Neill/  
Sonnabend ("We the People").

As indicated on Page 2 of the attached briefing paper, Sonnabend  
intends to discuss "site preparation money" with the President.  
As you know, Ted Marrs did an exhaustive review of all federal  
funding assistance possibilities...without success.

Further, the attached Washington Post article would appear to  
indicate that the final chapter on this project has been written.

I don't really see any valid purpose for this meeting, unless you  
see some wisdom in requiring the President to go through this  
exercise for Tip O'Neill's benefit. As a suggestion, you might  
want to have Ted Marrs (either directly or through Charlie  
Leppert) advise Tip of the exhaustive inquiries already made  
by you and Ted in this matter.

cc: TMarrs  
CLEppert ✓

APR 30 1975

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 30, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: → JACK MARSH  
TED MARRS

FROM:

WARREN RUSTAND *WR*

SUBJECT:

Schedule Proposal for a Meeting with  
Cong. Tip O'Neill and Mr. Paul Sonnabend,  
Chairman of the Board of "We, the People."

I would appreciate having your comments and recommendation  
on the attached.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

DATE: April 26, 1975  
FROM: Charles Leppert *CL*  
THRU: Max Friedersdorf *MF*  
Vern Loen *VL*  
VIA: Warren Rustand

MEETING: Rep. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. (D-Mass.)

DATE: Week of May 5, 1975

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Rep. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.  
Mr. Paul Sonnabend  
Charles Leppert, Jr. (staff)

CABINET PARTICIPATION: Secretary Rogers B. Morton (Interior)

SPEECH MATERIAL: Talking points

PRESS COVERAGE: None - White House Photographer

STAFF: Charles Leppert, Jr.

RECOMMEND: Max L. Friedersdorf

OPPOSED: None

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

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April 25, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE

Paul Sonnabend is down to the final straw. Ted Marre has been extremely helpful in exhausting all possible approaches for the We, the People project.

The last straw is "will you contact John D. Rockefeller III in an effort to put John D. and Sonnabend together for the purpose of convincing John D.'s U.S.A. 200 to provide the necessary funding for the We, the People project."

If you are not willing to do this, or if John B. rejects the proposal, Sonnabend will reluctantly scratch their entire project...

Please advise.

# **\$4 Million Bicentennial Fair Canceled for Lack of Money**

By Margot Hornblower  
Washington Post Staff Writer

A \$4 million Bicentennial fair to honor the accomplishments of the nation's volunteers has been canceled because its sponsors were unable

The fair, which was announced with some fanfare last month, would have housed as many as 1,000 exhibits under several huge tents on 25 acres lent by National Capital Parks near the Lincoln Memo-

United Way of America, the American Red Cross, the NAACP and Common Cause.

Besides exhibits from volunteer groups, the fair would have housed a 1,000-seat auditorium for forums and

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DOUGLAS BENNETT  
FROM: WILLIAM NICHOLSON *WUN*  
SUBJECT: Schedule Proposal for Cong. Clancy  
and Mrs. Lee Jones Prem to meet  
with the President

The attached is self-explanatory.

In view of Domestic Council recommendation against this type of appointment, we feel this should be regretted.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 30, 1975

To: Warren Rustand  
From: Max F.

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX FRIEDERSDORF  
FROM: WARREN RUSTAND *WR*  
SUBJECT: Proposal for the President to meet with  
Cong. Clancy and Mrs. Lee Jones Prem,  
President of the Epilepsy Enlightenment  
Group in Cincinnati

Our Domestic Council staff people recommend against this type of appointment. They feel we should not get into the practice of meeting with local chapters of groups such as this because of the precedent it would set.

Is this one high priority as far as you are concerned?

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*Not high priority.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: April 17, 1975  
Thru: Max L. Friedersdorf *mf*  
Vern Loen *VL*  
From: Douglas P. Bennett *DPB*  
Via: William Nicholson

MEETING: Representative Donald D. Clancy, R-Ohio, and  
Mrs. Lee Jones Prem, President of the Epilepsy  
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DATE: At the convenience of the President

PURPOSE: To discuss the problems facing epileptics in this  
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FORMAT: - The Oval Office  
- 5 Minutes

PARTICIPANTS: The President  
Rep. Don Clancy  
Mrs. Lee Jones Prem  
Mr. John T. Murphy, President of AVCO Broadcasting  
Douglas P. Bennett (Staff)

CABINET PARTICIPANTS: None

SPEECH MATERIAL: Briefing paper and talking points  
to be furnished

PRESS COVERAGE: Announce to press  
White House Photographer only

STAFF: Douglas P. Bennett

RECOMMEND: Max L. Friedersdorf

OPPOSED: None

PREVIOUS  
PARTICIPATION: None

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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

March 21, 1975

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Affairs (House)  
The White House  
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With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

  
DONALD D. CLANCY



April 22, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JAMES CAVANAUGH

FROM:

WARREN RUSTAND

SUBJECT:

Cong Clancy Request to bring in  
the President of the Epilepsy Enlight-  
ment Group from Cincinnati

We would appreciate having your comments and recommendation  
on the attached.



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+ Mr Lee J. Prem of  
Episcopal group in  
Cincinnati at

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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CABINET PARTICIPANTS: None

SPEECH MATERIAL: Briefing paper and talking points  
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PRESS COVERAGE: Announce to press  
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**DONALD D. CLANCY**  
2D DISTRICT OF OHIO

COMMITTEE:  
WAYS AND MEANS

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

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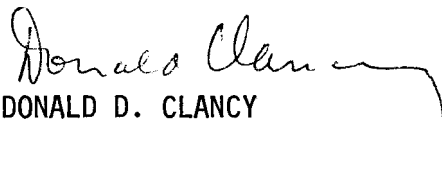
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With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

  
DONALD D. CLANCY

*Turned Down  
Arrival Ceremony*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

DATE: May 6, 1975  
FROM: Charles Leppert, Jr. *CL*  
THRU: Max L. Friedersdorf  
Vern Loen  
VIA: Warren Rustand

MEETING: Congressional Bi-Partisan Senior Intern Program

DATE: Thursday, May 15, 1975

PURPOSE: To have the President greet the Senior Interns following a White House staff briefing in the Theatre from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

FORMAT: The Theatre or Rose Garden  
(5 minutes)  
The President  
Congressional Bi-Partisan Senior Intern Group  
(approximately 20 to 30 people) See Tab A

CABINET PARTICIPATION: None

SPEECH MATERIAL: Briefing paper

PRESS COVERAGE: Announcement by Press. Group photograph.

STAFF: Charles Leppert, Jr.

RECOMMEND: Max L. Friedersdorf

OPPOSED: None

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

BACKGROUND:

1. Each year, a bi-partisan group of Members of Congress sponsor senior citizens from their respective districts for a two week period in Washington, during which time they work in the Congressman's office and learn the operations of the Federal government firsthand.
2. This year, 18 Members of Congress are involved in this program, the largest participation ever.





3. Last year, as Vice President, you greeted the senior citizens and had your picture taken with them at your Senate Office.
4. The Congressmen and the group this year are asking that you greet them briefly in the Theatre or Rose Garden while they are here for a briefing being given by the White House staff.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_



LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN  
1975 CONGRESSIONAL SENIOR INTERN PROGRAM

SPONSOR

INTERN

Rep. Edward Biester

Albert Carbone  
Mrs. Laura Yeager  
William Yeager

Rep. Elwood Hillis

Fred Fraser

Rep. Edward Roush

Marion Witmer  
Mrs. Madge Witmer

Rep. Ralph Regula

Cyril Kidgell  
Mrs. Leona Kidgell

Rep. Philip Sharp

Mrs. Carrie Dixon  
Mrs. Minnie Bailey

Rep. Frederick Richmond

Mrs. Rose Bloomfield

Rep. Paul Simon

Hugh Rimer  
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Rep. John Wydler

Mrs. Rosemary Koster  
Steven Mongeluzzi

Rep. Hamilton Fish

Lewis Greenberg  
Steven Sund  
Mrs. Steven Sund

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John Masten  
Daisy Shirk

Rep. Richard Schulze

Lester Turner  
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Rep. Gary Myers

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