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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL
DATE: June 6, 1975
THRU: Max Friedersdorf
FROM: Vern Loen *VL*
VIA: Warren Rustand

MEETING: Rep. Elford A. Cederberg (R-Mich.)

DATE: Between June 9 and 12

PURPOSE: Rep. Cederberg would like to introduce to the President Mr. Connie Mulder, Minister of Information and Interior of the Republic of South Africa.

FORMAT: Oval Office - 5 minutes

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Rep. Elford Cederberg
Mr. Connie Mulder
Vern Loen (staff)

SPEECH MATERIAL: Talking points to be provided by NSC

PRESS COVERAGE: White House photographer only

STAFF: Vern Loen

RECOMMEND: Max Friedersdorf

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None



BACKGROUND:

1. Mr. Cederberg called personally to recommend in strongest possible terms that this be done. He said it was very important to him personally.
2. This proposal has the endorsement of John McGoff, a major newspaper publisher from Lansing, Michigan, with whom the President is well acquainted.

APPROVE _____ DISAPPROVE _____



May 22, 1975

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C.

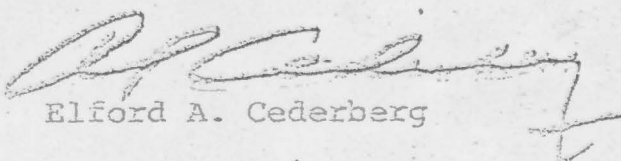
Dear Mr. President:

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It is my understanding that the Minister of Information and Interior of the Republic of South Africa, Mr. Connie Mulder, will be visiting Washington between June 9 and 12.

I had been requested to write to see if it is possible for you to informally meet with him for just a few minutes some time while he is here. The Minister, as I understand it, would like to bring you up to date on some of the positive actions being taken in the Republic which are sometimes not known as well as they should be.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,


Elford A. Cederberg

EAC:src



June 10, 1975

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed are the pictures taken of you and your wife with the President and Miss Jane Meek, West Virginia Strawberry Queen on May 9.

I am pleased to send them to you with the best wishes of the President.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Vernon C. Loen
Deputy Assistant
to the President

Honorable Harley Staggers
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

VCL:vh

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 5, 1975

MEETING WITH REP. HARLEY STAGGERS (D-W.Va) AND THE STRAWBERRY QUEEN

Friday, May 9, 1975

12:30 p.m. (5 minutes)

The Oval Office

Via: Max Friedersdorf

From: Vern Loen *VL*

I. PURPOSE

It is traditional for the Strawberry Queen of the West Virginia Strawberry Festival, her parents and festival officials to call on the President in advance of the festival each year. The Queen will issue an invitation for him to attend the festival and will present a small token in remembrance of the event.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. The five-day Strawberry Festival will be held May 28 to June 1 and is a major event in West Virginia.
2. This traditional meeting was requested by Mr. Staggers, who is Chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, where much of the President's energy program is being handled.

B. Participants: See Tab A

C. Press Plan: Announce to press
White House photographer only

III. TALKING POINTS

1. Jane, I am glad to continue this tradition of receiving the Strawberry Queen, particularly since I served so many years in the House with your very able Congressman, Harley Staggers.
2. Betty and I just went up to Winchester for the Apple Blossom Festival last week at which Susan was the Queen. I know the Strawberry Festival is every bit as important an event in West Virginia.
3. Unfortunately, the opening day of the festival is May 28, which is the day that I leave for Europe and I will not be able to be with you. Nevertheless, I shall see that a message of greetings is supplied through Chairman Staggers.
4. Maybe next year.

PARTICIPANTS

The President (

✓ Rep. Harley Staggers (D-W. Va) P

✓ Miss Jane Meek P
West Virginia Strawberry Queen
Parkersburg, West Virginia

✓ Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meek
Parents of the Queen

✓ Miss Judy Meek
Sister of the Queen

✓ Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. McPherson
Chaperones for the Queen
Washington, West Virginia

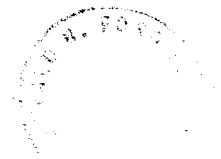
✓ Mr. H. Gene Starr P
President of the Strawberry Festival

✓ Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson
Members of the Board of Directors
for the Festival

✓ Mr. and Mrs. Claude Newton
Members of the Board of Directors
for the Festival

Vern Loen (Staff)

*Forest Festival
1st wk in Oct.*



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL
Date: March 25, 1975
Thru: Max Friedersdorf
From: Vern Loen *VL*
Via: Warren Rustand

MEETING: Rep Harley Staggers (D-W. Va) and the
Strawberry Queen

DATE: ~~Congressional Hour~~ *firm commitment May 7 or 8*
~~April 10, 1975~~ *April 8 2:00 pm*
(Sumner)

PURPOSE: It is traditional for the Strawberry Queen of the
West Virginia Strawberry Festival, her parents and
festival officials to call on the President in advance
of the festival each year. The Queen will issue an
invitation for him to attend the festival and will
present a small token in remembrance of the event.

FORMAT: The Oval Office - 5 minutes

12:30 May 9

PARTICIPANTS: See Tab A

PRESS

COVERAGE: Announce to Press
White House photographer only

STAFF: Vern Loen

RECOMMEND: Max Friedersdorf

PREVIOUS

PARTICIPATION:
This has been an annual Presidential visit.

- BACKGROUND:
1. The five day strawberry festival is held in late
May or early June and is a major event in
West Virginia.
 2. This traditional meeting was requested by Mr.
Staggers, who is Chairman of the House Committee
on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, where much
of the President's energy program will be handled.

APPROVE _____ DISAPPROVE _____

PARTICIPANTS

The President

Rep. Harley Staggers (D-W. Va)

Miss Jane Meek, West Virginia Strawberry Queen
Parkersburg, West Virginia

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meek, Parents of the Queen

Miss Judy Meek, Sister of the Queen

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. McPherson
Washington, West Virginia
Chaperons for the Queen

Mr. H. Gene Starr, President of the Festival

Vern Loen (Staff)

*Mr. & Mrs. James Henderson
Ex. Board of Directors for the Festival*

*Mr. & Mrs. Claude Newton.
Ex. Bd. of Directors of Festival*

225-4331

HARLEY Q. STAGGERS
2d DISTRICT, WEST VIRGINIA

HOME ADDRESS:
KEYSER, WEST VIRGINIA

3-24
CHAIRMAN:
COMMITTEE ON
INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN
COMMERCE

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

March 21, 1975

The Honorable
Gerald R. Ford
President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

One of the highlights in our State during the latter part of May and the first of June is our West Virginia Strawberry Festival. Very many distinguished visitors are present for the activities during the five-day festival. We have a most interesting and pleasant calendar of events including the coronation of the Strawberry Queen and King.

Just previous to the Festival, it is tradition for the Strawberry Queen, her parents, Festival officials and others to visit Washington. Each year the Queen has called on the President for the purpose of issuing an invitation to the Strawberry Festival and presenting a small token in behalf of the West Virginia Strawberry Festival.

As indicated in my conversation with Max Friedersdorf, the Queen and her party plan to visit Washington Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, May 7, 8, and 9. It would be deeply appreciated if your schedule will permit greeting the West Virginia visitors preferably on Wednesday, May 7, or any other day during their visit. Those of us who are looking forward to a little visit with you if at all possible are:

Miss Jane Meek, West Virginia Strawberry
Queen, Parkersburg, West Virginia
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Meek
Parents of Queen
Miss Judy Meek
Sister of Queen



Hon. Gerald R. Ford

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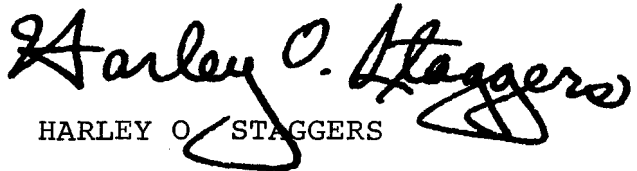
March 21, 1975

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel E. McPherson
Washington, West Virginia, Chaperons
for Queen
Mr. H. Gene Starr, President of
Festival
Congressman Harley O. Staggers
Miss Marquerite Furfari, my
Administrative Assistant

Again, thanks a million for any consideration which you may be able to extend our request. I know this would again be so meaningful, not only to the Strawberry Queen and the other visitors, but to all of us in West Virginia.

Again, thanking you and with kind personal regards to you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,


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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: ELISKA HASEK
FROM: VERN LOEN VL
SUBJECT: M. C. Harley Staggers

Would you please send a message of greetings
for the Strawberry Festival through Rep. Staggers
office..

I am enclosing copies for you of his meeting with
the President on May 9.

Many thanks.

June 10, 1975

Dear Garry:

Enclosed are the additional photographs that you ordered of your meeting with the President on May 13.

I am pleased to send them to you with the best wishes of the President.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Vernon C. Loen
Deputy Assistant
to the President

Honorable Garry Brown
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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May 20, 1975

Dear Garry:

Here are the photographs which were taken
with you and the President on May 13 and
I am happy to send them to you with the
best wishes of the President.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Vernon ~~G~~, Loen
Deputy Assistant
to the President

Honorable Garry Brown
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

TO:

YOU WERE CALLED BY: ☐

OF (Organization):

PLEASE CALL: ☐

WILL CALL: ☐

RETURNED YOUR CALL: ☐

MESSAGE

2 Blankets
Donor -

Mr. Gilbert Haley
xcv Vice P

Nick auto dealers
assoc

1500 Kendall St
P.O. Box 860

East Lansing Mich
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MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

Miss DeLong
5011 - Brown

TO:

☐ YOU WERE CALLED BY—

☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY—

OF (Organization)

☐ PLEASE CALL —→

PHONE NO.
CODE/EXT.

2350

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN

☐ IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

☐ RETURNED YOUR CALL

☐ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

✓ via -
ask me about this
note

RECEIVED BY

DATE

TIME

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 9, 1975

MEETING WITH REP. GARRY BROWN (R-Mich)

Tuesday, May 13, 1975

11:25 a.m. (5 minutes)

The Oval Office

Thru: Max L. Friedersdorf
Vernon C. Loen *VL*

From: Charles Leppert, Jr. *CLJ*

I. PURPOSE

To give Rep. Garry Brown an opportunity to present to the President two separate gifts on behalf of his constituents.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. The first gift presentation is a Petoskey Stone, the Michigan State Stone, carved in the shape of the hand and torch of the Statue of Liberty. The carving was done by Ronald Blanchard, a craftsman from Kalamazoo, Michigan who wanted to have it presented to the President, since he is almost a lifetime resident of the State of Michigan.
2. The second gift presentation is a University of Michigan blanket which bears the letters of all of the Big Ten schools. This ^②blanket is presented on behalf of the Michigan Automobile Dealers Association and has significance to the President since the University of Michigan is his alma mater.

B. Participants: The President
Rep. Garry Brown
Charles Leppert, Jr. (staff)

C. Press Plan: White House Photographers
Stan Jennings with Press Office approval



III. TALKING POINTS

1. This Petoskey Stone is a beautiful carving and is especially significant to me coming from the State of Michigan. Although I was not born in Michigan, I lived most of my childhood and school days there. I will certainly see that the Stone is placed on display here in my office and do appreciate the effort made by Ronald Blanchard to secure the stone and to make the outstanding carving.
2. This blanket presented by the Michigan Automobile Dealers Association, has special significance to me, since the University of Michigan is my alma mater. I see the blanket bears the letters of all of the Big Ten schools. This blanket, of course, will be treasured because of the many happy memories I have of my time at the University.



Beverly Barrack

April 28, 1975

APPROVED

Dear Garry:

Thank you for your April 25 letter concerning the two requests you have received from constituents to make separate presentations to the President.

I will be pleased to ask that prompt consideration be given to each of these. It was most thoughtful of you to endeavor to conserve the President's time by combining these two requests into one appointment. You will hear further as soon as possible.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedlander
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Garry Brown
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to Warren Rustand for further handling
bcc: w/incoming to Nancy Kennedy for pending file

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HOUSING

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON
DEFENSE PRODUCTION

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

April 25, 1975

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Mr. Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Max:

I am writing to seek your special assistance on behalf of constituents who have requested that I make two presentations, not related, to the President.

The subject of the first presentation is a Petoskey Stone, the Michigan State Stone, carved in the shape of the hand and torch of the Statue of Liberty. This carving was done by a craftsman from Kalamazoo by the name of Ronald Blanchard who has received some attention for his works and it is the thinking that this carving would have particular significance for the President since, as I have mentioned, the Petoskey Stone is the State Stone of the President's native State.

The subject of the second presentation is a University of Michigan blanket which bears the letters of all of the Big Ten schools. This presentation would be made on behalf of the Michigan Automobile Dealers Association and would have significance due to the President's alma mater.

My purpose of mentioning both of these matters in one request is to impose as little as possible upon the President's time. To the extent that you are able to assist me in making the arrangements for such presentations, it will be greatly appreciated by both the constituents involved and me.

Thanks in advance and with best regards, I remain

Sincerely,

GARRY BROWN

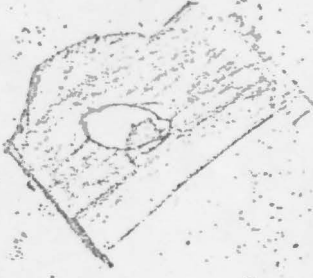
P.S. I am enclosing some clippings relative to the Petoskey Stone carving and its sculptor.

cc: Mr. Vernon C. Loen
cc: Mr. Thomas P. DeCair



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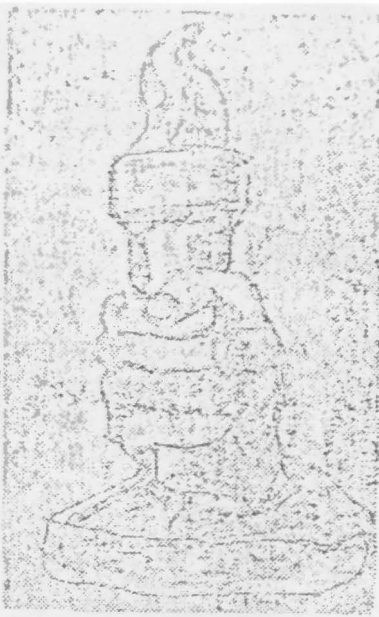
chard of 5045 Boylan, recently was feature in a Gazette story on his hobby.

Blanchard is looking for someone that has a large enough Petoskey stone — probably about 6 by 10 or 12 inches — to do a life-sized carving of a human hand lifting the torch of liberty (see accompanying sketch by Blanchard).

Blanchard would like to send the finished piece to President Gerald Ford.

"Since the President is from Grand Rapids, I thought he might like such a carving made out of the state stone," Blanchard explains.

Anyone having a stone that he or she wishes to donate may send it to Blanchard or contact The Gazette's city desk.



'TORCH OF LIBERTY'
Petoskey Stone Wanted



682-5842

Gift For Ford

FEB 10 1975

Liberty Torch' One Carver Ready

Blanchard has his stone. It has to get out his tools carving.

rocks are suitable for carving.
"I'll probably have to make two carvings, one of the hand and one of the torch."



Ronald Blanchard Lets Petoskey Stones Suggest Design

by PEGGY GUTHAUS
Gazette Staff Writer

Old A. Blanchard has been
"network" for a long time.

as a die maker, and for
that is a form of artistic ex-
pression. For a year he has been

doing portraits in pastels, charcoal
drawings and ink sketches.

But it wasn't until he found an
unusual specialty — carving
Petoskey stones — that he felt he
had discovered the right expression
for his artistic interests.

"It's something different than the

majority of art hobbies," Blanchard
says.

The carving specialty began
when Blanchard was visiting a
friend who happened to be a rock
hound in northern Michigan. Blan-
chard was intrigued by Petoskey
stones with their fossilized honey
comb appearance. "I thought it
would make an interesting medium
for carving," Blanchard says.

The stones, most common around
Petoskey on the shores of Lake Mi-

about a one-by-two-inch rectangle.

Most of the stones he carves are
gifts from friends who have learned
of his hobby.

Working with the stones is a chal-
lenge, Blanchard says. "I try to let
the natural contour of the stone
suggest the subject for carving."

Blanchard makes jewelry pieces,
decorative articles, book ends and
paper weights.

Mostly he carves faces in the
rock. He has also done emblems,
clenched hands, arrows and human

Vern -

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your files

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 11, 1975

MEETING WITH DR. WAYNE ASHLEY AND SON JEFF

Thursday, June 12, 1975

8:00-8:02 a.m. (2 minutes)

The President's Outer Office

From: Max L. Friedersdorf *ML-6*

I. PURPOSE

Opportunity for Dr. Ashley and his son to shake the President's hand and have a photograph made.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

- A. Background: The Speaker informed Max Friedersdorf that his cousin by marriage, and his son, are in town and that he wanted to bring them in before the 8:00 a.m. Congressional meeting for a brief handshake. Dr. Ashley is a practicing psychologist from LaSalle, Illinois.
- B. Participants: The President
Speaker Albert
Dr. Wayne Ashley
Jeff Ashley
Max Friedersdorf (Staff)
- C. Press Plan: None - David Kennerly photographs only.

III. TALKING POINTS

- 1. Carl (Albert), thank you for bringing your relatives in to see me.
- 2. It is a pleasure to meet you.

*of. H.
Turned down 9/11
Called 9/12
President will be in
San Francisco at that
time*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL
DATE: June 13, 1975
THRU: Max Friedersdorf
FROM: Vern Loen *VL*
VIA: Warren Rustand

MEETING: Fourth Annual Congressional Golf Tournament

DATE: Monday, September 22
12:30 p.m. Tee-off shotgun style

PURPOSE: The President has participated in the three
previous tournaments, including last year

FORMAT: Andrews Air Force Base Golf Course

PARTICIPANTS: The President
"Tip" O'Neill - Majority Leader
John Rhodes - Minority Leader
Les Arends - Former GOP Whip
Bob Michel - House GOP Whip
Joseph E. Karth (D-Minn.) - Democratic Captain
Charles E. Wiggins (R-Calif.) - Republican Captain
Members and former Members of Congress

*J.H.
Called 9/12
Beryl Van Praagh
225-4111*

EXPECTED
LENGTH OF
PARTICIPATION: From 12:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(Later if he wishes to stay for the cocktail hour
and 6:30 p.m. awards banquet.)

CABINET
PARTICIPATION: None

SPEECH
MATERIAL: Brief remarks before tee-off

PRESS
COVERAGE: Press pool - White House photographer -
Congressional photographers

STAFF: Vern Loen will submit briefing paper

RECOMMEND: Max Friedersdorf

PREVIOUS

PARTICIPATION:

The President participated in the previous three annual tournaments including 1974 when he was able to complete only ten holes.

BACKGROUND:

1. Co-Captains Charles Wiggins (R-Calif.) and Joseph E. Karth (D-Minn.) have extended this invitation.
2. The Republicans have won two out of three of these tournaments.
3. The President is free to choose with whom he would like to be paired. Last year it was Congressmen O'Neill, Rhodes and Les Arends.
4. The Vice President is also being invited.

APPROVE _____ DISAPPROVE _____

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

DATE: June 13, 1975

THRU: Max Friedersdorf *AM. G.*

FROM: Bob Wolthuis *PRW*

VIA: Warren Rustand

MEETING: Meet with 6 Korean Parliamentarians who are in the U.S. visiting various cities and facilities.

DATE: June 25, 1975

PURPOSE: Congressman John Murphy (D-N.Y.) has recommended that the President meet with 6 Korean Parliamentarians who are visiting the U.S. as representatives of the Korean Parliament.

FORMAT: Oval Office
20 minutes

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Rep. John Murphy
General Scowcroft
Max Friedersdorf
Les Janka
Vern Loen
Bob Wolthuis

SPEECH MATERIAL: Brief greeting and statement regarding close ties between U.S. and Korea

PRESS COVERAGE: Announce to press - White House photographer

RECOMMEND: Max Friedersdorf

BACKGROUND: 1. The 6 Korean Parliamentarians represent a broad cross section of political factions and parties. They are scheduled to meet with U.S. Congressional leaders during their visit. At the present time there are 54 Korean War Veterans in the U.S. Congress, 10 in the Senate and 44 in the House. The Koreans will also visit with these members.

BACKGROUND (Continued)

2. In light of the President's strong expression of support for South Korea, Legislative Affairs recommends and NSC concurs that the President meet with these people on that date.

APPROVE _____

DISAPPROVE _____