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Phil A:
Kindly respond to
this memo.
P.



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 26, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN
FROM: DICK CHENEY

Phil, attached is a request that the President take some private citizens with him when he goes to New York December 10th.

This raises again the issue we discussed previously concerning the tax status of individuals who are private citizens who ride on Air Force One.

We have already had the Marriotts ride back with us from Phoenix and that issue as yet is unresolved and we really shouldn't proceed to take anymore on the aircraft until we have a final determination as to whether or not they have to pay an airfare or be hit by IRS for income tax on the value of the trip.

I need an answer as soon as possible.

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 21, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: DONALD RUMSFELD
WARREN RUSTAND

FROM: DEAN BURCH

DBS

On December 10 the President is going to New York City to address the Football Hall of Fame (I'm unsure of exact nomenclature). One of the inductees that evening is Billy Vessels, a former Oklahoma great and a member of Burning Tree. I had suggested that the President invite Billy to ride to NYC on AF 1 and that some of the Burning Tree members who are going up be invited as well.

Billy advises that he has to go up two days early but the Burning Tree members would be honored to be invited for the ride up. (It's doubtful that any would return.)

They are:

Thomas Webb
Richard Callaghan
Cy Laughter
Red Bagnell
John Walker
Tom Brookshire
Dean Burch



In addition, Vessels has invited Senators Stuart Symington and Russell Long and former Senator George Smathers. These three gentlemen would likely like a ride back.

If the President wants to go forward on this, please let me know and I'll work with Warren on procuring the correct names, notifications, etc.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Travel
military

12/31/74

Phil A:

Can we possibly
push Hendricks of
Treasury to come up
with a solution by Jan 6,
at the latest, of Presidential
air travel tax and reimbursement
problems for his Vail trip?

Rumstfeld is pushing
Cheney.

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December 31, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DICK CHENEY

FROM:

PHIL AREEDA

Treasury hopes to have an answer in about ten days to our queries concerning the tax consequences to the President or to passengers of the use of Air Force One.

Although it may seem otherwise, this is in fact very fast work for Treasury, especially when there are severe disagreements between the Tax Policy Section and the IRS.

cc: Phil Buchen



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THE WASHINGTON POST

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1975 B 3

Nixon Spared U.S. Bill for Flight Home

White House officials said yesterday that former President Nixon will not be charged for any portion of his flight home to San Clemente, Calif., the day he gave up the

*military
travel*

Wednesday 1/15/75

9:50 Marty Hoffman said Secretary Schlesinger is going to answer the question that he has not paid for the children.



*Military
Travel*

PARADE
THE SUNDAY
NEWSPAPER
MAGAZINE

January 19, 1975

Q. When Henry Kissinger takes his two children overseas to a foreign land like the People's Republic of China, who pays for them—Kissinger or the American taxpayer?—Mrs. Leland Stevenson, Charlottesville, Va.

Wednesday 1/29/75

*military
aircraft*

10:25 Jim Cannon called to say they understand that Secretary Simon is going to New Jersey tonight in a separate government plane and, from their point of view, they would like to make sure that the Simon plane is also being paid for by the Republican National Committee or at least not by the government -- even though they're not directly involved, it's a trip they're on. Could be embarrassing if this isn't the situation.



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*Checked with Simon that
RNC is paying for his
travel & so reported to Cannon*



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Military
To Areeda

February 18, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN
FROM: DICK CHENEY

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Phil, to my knowledge we have not yet received any final firm guidance from Treasury and the IRS with respect to dependent travel on Air Force One.

We started trying to sort this out last October and five months later we still don't have anything from Treasury.

They promised us a policy time after time, but have not yet performed.

If you think it'll help, I'd be happy to call the Secretary and ask him to break the log-jam. We've got to get it resolved.





GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

March 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE PHILIP BUCHEN

Phil
Attached please find a copy of a memo reflecting the request by Jack Anderson for the Secretary of Defense's travel vouchers. This was an oral request. Also attached is a statement that we agreed to that State wanted with respect to Secretary Kissinger's China trip.

As of the moment the vouchers are all that is requested. Each Service Secretary has a similar request. We have confirmed that other Executive Departments have received similar request (HEW, HUD). My feeling is that the sooner the vouchers are released the better. I will call you later ~~today~~

Marty
Martin R. Hoffmann

Attachments



March 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Request from Jack Anderson; Secretary of Defense's
Travel Vouchers

Mid-afternoon, Tuesday, 4 March 1975, Cdr. Larry Hamilton,
Military Assistant to Joe Laitin, ASD(PA), accepted a call
from Mr. Jack Mitchell, one of Jack Anderson's associates,
who asked the following question:

"I would like a complete copy of Secretary Schlesinger's
travel vouchers for Calendar Year 1974, together with any and
all expenses incurred."

Cdr. Hamilton accepted the question.

WINANT SIDLE
Major General, USA
Deputy Assistant Secretary



GenS/jcv

The USAF Special Air Mission Wing at Andrews AFB, Maryland, provides air transportation to the President and other senior representatives of the United States Government travelling on official Government business. When there are unoccupied seats on these flights, after the official party has been accommodated, dependents of certain senior officials traditionally have been permitted to travel on board the aircraft. The costs of their meals and related expenses are paid directly by the sponsor. However, no charge is levied for the transportation since the seats which are not committed to the official party are occupied at no additional cost to the government.

When Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's children accompanied him on a recent official trip to Peking, they travelled on this basis. Consequently, no transportation charges have been forwarded to Secretary Kissinger by the United States Air Force.



Friday 3/7/75

11:55 Tom Johnson, Special Asst. to Monroe Leigh,
said they have just learned that there are no
more military personnel flying into Phnom Penh
on the civilian airlift flights.

632-9417

cc: Jack Marsh
Gen. Sowercraft



*Policy
military travel*

Monday 3/24/75

Meeting
(Casselman)
3/25/75
10 a.m.

11:10 I have advised Peter Wallison's office that Bill Casselman will attend the meeting on Tuesday 3/25 at 10 a.m. to discuss payment for official trips by the Vice President in comparison with how it is handled for the President.

Meeting will be in Jim Connors' office.



Thursday 3/20/75

Meeting
3/25/75
10 a.m.

10:30

Peter Wallison said there is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday 3/25 at 10 a.m. with Jim Connor and advance people from the White House and advance people from the Vice President's office to discuss payment of expenses for official trips by the Vice President in comparison with how it is handled for the President. Feels you would want someone to be there. He's had discussions with Casselman about because he formerly handled the Vice President's travel. And he'd be glad to have him ----- or whoever you would like to designate.



March 21, 1975

to Rod
Hills
3/26/75

Dear Mark:

I appreciated your calling to give me your thoughts on the CAB waiver permitting military charter passengers to ride on regularly scheduled commercial flights. I will see that your views are conveyed to Phil Buchen.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

(2)

Donald Rumsfeld
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Mark Andrews
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

✓cc: Phil Buchen



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 21, 1975

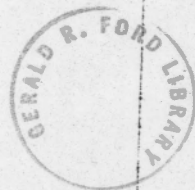
NOTE TO DON RUMSFELD

FYI

Congressman Mark Andrews called you on Thursday.

The purpose of his call was to alert you to the fact that Pan Am, TWA and Northwest airlines have received a waiver from the CAB and are now filing for a tariff to carry military charter passengers on regularly scheduled flights instead of charters. The net result is a saving of 2 million gallons of fuel/\$2 million per quarter. Andrews wanted you to be aware that MACA, the charter association, is protesting this. Andrews wants the CAB to rule in favor of the airlines and grant them the tariff.

Pete Roussel



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 18, 1975

Bob Felt

TO: PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: JOHN O. MARSH, JR.

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 For Direct Reply

 For Draft Response

 X For Your Information

 Please Advise



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 22, 1975

Dear Mr. Higgins:

I have reference to your earlier correspondence wherein you make inquiry concerning the "use of courier flights to brief former President Nixon, and the presence of Julie Eisenhower on at least one of these flights".

Attached you will find the five questions set forth in your original letter to Mr. Donald Rumsfeld, together with the responses to those questions.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,

William E. Casselman II
Counsel to the President

Mr. John J. Higgins
Associate General Counsel
Office of General Counsel
United States General Accounting
Office
Washington, D. C. 20548



Attachment

1. Question What is the authority for the periodic courier flights to Mr. Nixon?

Answer After Mr. Nixon left office, there were three courier flights to San Clemente at the direction of President Ford acting as Commander-in-Chief. These flights carried up-to-date classified information to Mr. Nixon during the initial stages of the transition period. This method was subsequently replaced by an alternate means of secure electronic transmission.

Mrs. Eisenhower travelled on one of these flights which also carried six White House communications personnel who were to dismantle the extensive defense communications system at San Clemente.

These flights, therefore, at the direction of the President as Commander-in-Chief, were all operational flights of Air Force planes engaged in missions properly assigned to the military.

2. Question How long is it anticipated that these flights will continue?

Answer The last courier flight was October 4, 1974, and no further flights are contemplated.

3. Question What is the authority relied upon for allowing a private citizen to travel as a passenger on a Government aircraft?

Answer We are not aware of any statutory authority specifically granting the President the power to allow private citizens to travel on Government aircraft. Neither are we aware, however, of any specific limitation on the President's general command authority over military personnel and equipment which would bar him from



allowing private citizens in certain compelling situations to ride on a space-available basis in military aircraft otherwise engaged on official business. Department of Defense Regulations of long standing have authorized, in the absence of positive statutory law, the use of military aircraft to transport private citizens in order to save their lives or otherwise to benefit the nation; we believe the Congress has been aware of this practice. So also, it has been a settled practice to transport the children of former Presidents to their fathers when the latter were critically ill. In light of this settled practice, the absence of contrary law, and the fact that neither appropriated funds nor the defense mission would be affected, the President effectively authorized the carriage of Mrs. Eisenhower on the courier flight.

4. Question Will the Government be reimbursed for the value of Mrs. Eisenhower's flight?

Answer As has been the settled practice, both with regard to the children of former Presidents and with regard to other humanitarian missions, the carriage of Mrs. Eisenhower was not reimbursed. The policy of not seeking reimbursement on humanitarian missions is reflected in DOD Regulation 4515.13-R, P 6-4b. Of course, since Mrs. Eisenhower flew on a space-available basis, no expenditure of Government funds was involved.

5. Question Will such flights by Mrs. Eisenhower or others be allowed on subsequent occasions?

Answer There are no present plans for carrying any private citizens on such flights; but as emergency situations may arise, and in the absence of contrary law, the President will continue the traditional practice described above.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR
FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.W.B.*
SUBJECT: Review of White House Activities
and the Federal Election Laws

In addition to the question of political travel on Air Force One that is now being examined by our offices, the following are either general areas of current activities or potential problem areas that should be reviewed from the standpoint of both the Federal election laws, and attendant problems of public perception:

1. The use of RNC and PFC funds for White House support. It is essential that we adhere strictly to the requirement that appropriate Committee authorization be obtained prior to incurring particular expenses to be paid from such political funds. Attached at Tab A is a categorical breakdown of the current purposes for which funds are expended.
2. The computation of charges for travel on the press charter plane, including the "free" rides provided to the Press Office staff.
3. The procedures for handling the press travel account.
4. The handling of "political" mail by the White House staff, particularly by the correspondence unit. Attached at Tab B are form letters I have approved to handle political contributions and offers of assistance to the PFC.
5. The role of advancemen, including the use of political funds for official events, the risk of indirect corporate contributions; the status of volunteer advancemen, i.e., whether they become special government employees when



advancing official events; and their use of military aircraft other than Air Force One.

6. The need to identify and limit the members of the staff who perform a "political" role. As you are probably already aware, employees on reimbursable or non-reimbursable details to the White House are subject to the Hatch Act, and, therefore, they may not be assigned political responsibilities.

I also recommend that we now establish a policy to prohibit the development of political mailing lists from public mail addressed to the President in his official capacity. The preparation of political mailing lists from the official mail does pose legal problems under the election laws. In addition, such lists were prepared in 1972 and there are persons who will be watching our activities should we attempt to use them in this campaign.

It is important that we now look into these activities in terms of the election laws in order to limit the risk of criticism occurring at a later date when the level of campaign activities has increased. My staff is available to assist in this review as you and Don feel is appropriate.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY

FROM: PHIL BUCHEN *P.*

Attached is a copy of my memorandum of July 9 to the President which discussed the treatment of the payment of campaign travel expenses by the President for Jack and Susan. We are now in compliance with the reporting requirements of the election laws. Barry Roth is coordinating with Dorothy Downton and the PFC to insure compliance.

cc: Dorothy Downton



THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 9, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PHIL BUCHEN *P.*

SUBJECT: Candidate's Report of Receipt
and Expenditures

Attached is the monthly Report of Receipts and Expenditures which you are required to file with the FEC by July 10. The report was prepared by my office in conjunction with the PFC General Counsel. In order to simplify the reporting requirements, the PFC will reimburse you for expenditures you made for campaign travel by Jack and Susan. Other than for these travel expenditures, it is my understanding that you have neither received any contributions nor made any expenditures on behalf of your candidacy in June.

The amended election laws permit you to spend directly or contribute to the PFC up to \$50,000 of your personal funds in connection with your campaign for nomination. Expenditures must be reported by you and they count against the PFC's primary spending ceiling. Contributions from you to the PFC are reported separately by the PFC and are not included in this report.

Recommendation

That you sign the attached report.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 8, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN
DOROTHY DOWNTON

FROM:

DICK CHENEY

It's my understanding the President has paid personally for Jack Ford's political travel.

You need to check to see whether or not that needs to be reported.

I believe there's a requirement that each candidate has to report any expenditures he has made on his own behalf, and you want to make certain we're in compliance.

