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*Pres.  
Buchen's letter*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 3, 1975

Dear Mr. Aftanas:

Mrs. Ford has requested that I respond to your recent letter inviting the President and her to appear in Menominee to recognize your achievements in establishing a historical district for your city.

Unfortunately, because of the very busy schedule of both the President and Mrs. Ford, it would be very difficult for them to plan such a visit. However, they both commend you on the work you have done to preserve the historical buildings in Menominee, and someday when the heavy duties of the Presidency are over for them they hope to be able to pay a visit to see these buildings. If a later visit proves possible, it would be appropriate then to consider renaming the buildings in question as you have so thoughtfully suggested.

Sincerely,

*Philip W. Buchen*

Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Mr. W. J. Aftanas  
Chairman  
Menominee Trust of Menominee  
400 First Street  
Menominee, Michigan 49858



MENOMINEE TRUST  
400 FIRST STREET  
MENOMINEE MICHIGAN

T/D  
SCHFOULE BD.  
DATE RECEIVED

FEB 17 1975

MESSAGE  
SPEAKERS BUREAU  
OTHER

Dear Mrs. Ford,

APPOINTMENT OFFICE

May I as chairman of the Menominee Trust extend to you, Mrs. Ford and the President, extend an invitation to visit our city.

Last December 31st a portion of our town has been put on the National Register for Historical Sites. Our district at this time comprises more than six blocks, we hope that it will soon expanded to include the whole bay area.

My wife and I own a twenty-three room home and an old furniture store. These two buildings we own we are very proud of. They are only two buildings of many turn of the century buildings, with a history all their own. Our home may I add is the only home in the area on the National Register. It was built in 1892 and sits on 2 1/2 acres, is surrounded by a four foot wrought iron fence, which over looks Green Bay.

Enclosed I am sending a booklet which was published before we were placed on the National Register. It gives a little history of our town, with a meaningful look toward restoration and one of our many projects.

Menominee is 225 miles north-west of Grand Rapids. We are hoping that maybe, just maybe in your busy schedule and that of the President you may be able to take time and come over for a day. A day of relaxation, to tour our small town, to visit our people and our Historical District.

We all would be very honored if at all possible at any date you and the President could visit us. It would be held as Ford Day in our city, and I will rename our Historical Building, "The Gerald R. Ford Building." Maybe even the President could address the nation from our home, or town for his policies.

Please if at anytime you may find some time for a visit. Please come, I am sure you and the President would enjoy our town.

Thank you and much support,

*W. J. Aftanas*

W. J. Aftanas  
Chairman,  
MENOMINEE TRUST OF MENOMINEE



cc/ WJA

bjm

*President  
Sec. DeWing*

CLEARANCE FORM FOR PRESIDENTIAL TEXT MATERIAL

TO: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: ROBERT T. HARTMANN *RTH*  
SUBJECT: PROPOSED LETTER OR MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO  
INVITEES TO THE REPUBLICAN SENATE-HOUSE DINNER  
APRIL 15.

Mr. O. C. Carmichael, the new Chairman of the Republican National Finance Committee, has proposed that the President sign a letter or telegram to be sent to past and prospective contributors to the annual \$1,000 per plate dinner, which this year will be held on April 15 at the Washington-Hilton. This year, the dinner is being managed by the RNFC, and the proceeds will be divided equally between the RNFC, the Senatorial Campaign Committee, and the House Campaign Committee.

Attached is the text suggested by Mr. Carmichael and RNC Chairman Mary Louise Smith. If approved, the text will be sent either by telegram or on "Gerald R. Ford" letterhead rather than White House stationery.

Please respond by 2:00 PM Tuesday, March 4.

CLEARED BY (Please initial)

- ( ) OPERATIONS (Rumsfeld) \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) CONGRESSIONAL/PUBLIC LIAISON (Marsh) \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) PRESS (Nessen) \_\_\_\_\_
- (✓) LEGAL (Buchen) *P.W.B.* See copy of attached memo. ✓
- ( ) RESEARCH (Waldron) - What is precedent? \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) THE VICE PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_



DATE

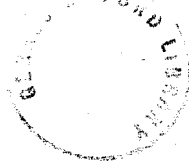
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Loyal Republicans have to stand up and be counted. There will be more elections; we will regain our strength. One way you can help us is by attending the Republican Senate-House Dinner on April 15, 1975. This worthwhile event can help build a base on which to assist our Senate and House candidates. If you have already responded, you can still help by encouraging others to follow suit and <sup>take part in</sup> ~~join us at~~ this gala affair.

Won't you join Vice President Rockefeller and me along with the other honored guests in showing our faith in the Republican Party this April 15?

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN  
FROM: KEN LAZARUS *KL*  
SUBJECT: Fund-raising letter by the President.

You asked me to explore any problems which might be presented should the President authorize the use of his signature on letters supporting the April 15 fund-raising dinner which will be conducted by House and Senate campaign committees.

After discussing the matter with Congressman Michel, Jack Calkins and Bruce McBrarity (McBrarity is the fellow at the RNC who is actually managing the effort), I offer the following:

- (1) Although no legal problem is faced directly by the President's support of this fund-raiser, there may be merit in emphasizing the President's role as leader of the nation while de-emphasizing, at the moment, such visible partisan activity as a fund-raiser. I am told that this assignment is normally given to the Vice President or other political figure.
- (2) Apparently, the use of the President's signature would have real utility in support of the fund-raising effort that would result in more than a marginal increase benefit.
- (3) Assuming the President sees fit to grant this request, my concern is not so much with the content of the letter as with the ground rules for distribution. In this regard, Chapter 29 of Title 18 U.S.C. places a number of limitations upon solicitations for political contributions. Thus, one federal official cannot solicit a political contribution from another federal official (§602); a solicitation cannot be made on federal property (§603); a firm or individual contracting with the United States is prohibited from making political contributions (§611); and political contributions by agents of foreign principals are prohibited (§613). Bruce McBrarity has assured me that RNC personnel who will be managing

this program are sensitive to my concerns and that their procedures are adequate to avoid any proscribed activity or appearances of such activity.

(4) Although I have doubts about the advisability of the President's participation in this effort, I believe we have reasonable assurances to the effect that such participation will not expose the President to any unexpected adverse reaction.

WILSON P. VOED

*President's  
Scheduling*

**March 5, 1975**

**To: Warren Rustand**

**From: Phil Buchen**

**Could you handle this please.**



ALFRED B. SWANSON, M.D., F.A.C.S.

TELEPHONES: 774-7394  
456-5568

313 BLODGETT MEDICAL BUILDING  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49506

February 13, 1975

Mr. Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

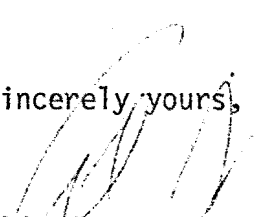
Dear Mr. Buchen:

I am enclosing a letter from one of our outstanding Orthopaedic Surgeons, who has contacted me with regards the possibility of the President speaking at their meeting. If there is any way that the President could find this appropriate, I am sure that he would receive a tremendously warm and positive reception from this group.

Thank you very much for your attention to this letter.

My very best regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
Alfred B. Swanson, M.D.

ABS/mvr  
enclosure



PEACHTREE ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC, P.A.

F. JAMES FUNK, JR., M.D.  
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ADMINISTRATION  
VELMA SCHLORFF, M.P.H.

February 3, 1975

Alfred B. Swanson, M. D.  
1810 Wealthy Street, S. E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506

Dear Al:

Two weeks ago I called you from New Orleans to get your reaction to the possibility of inviting President Ford to come to the Rocky Mountain Traumatologic Society meeting as guest speaker in 1976. You suggested that I send you more specific details regarding the time, the place, and the nature of the organization.

Let me fill you in in a general way. The Rocky Mountain Traumatologic Society is an organization of physicians who live in the United States and Canada. It has 125 members and a waiting list of about half that many. It was formed 16 years ago and I believe was originally conceived at an Academy meeting in Chicago. In any event, it has met every year since in Aspen, usually the first week in February. Through the years it has sought to have both professional and geographic distribution. In fact, however, the orthopedic surgeons are the largest single group and of the 125 members, 75 are orthopedic surgeons, general surgeons, or plastic surgeons with most of the other major specialities represented. There are only 8 who list themselves as general practitioners. Membership comes from 27 different states as well as Canada, though the majority are in the western mountain regions and Colorado is by far the best represented state. The programs presented have been wide ranging. Approximately 355 presentations have been made, of which 210 were related to surgery or trauma; 115 have been primarily medical; and about 30 have been on subjects other than medicine. The surgical presentations are pretty standard ones, emphasizing traumatic surgery as a rule. The programs on trauma have generally emphasized the outdoors and have stressed such fields as mountain climbing, snakebite, altitude sickness, drowning, and some rather far out talks on surfing injuries, spider bites, and drug use among athletes.

It is traditional each year for the President of the Society to have a special guest speaker and the President's guests have covered a wide range of topics from Himalayan climbing, civilian and military casualties

Alfred B. Swanson, M. D.  
February 3, 1975  
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in Viet Nam, to the Outward Bound Program with its emphasis on wilderness survival. In the past the Presidential guest speakers have included an astronaut (an M. D.), an NFL coach, a leader of the Himalayan expedition, Scotty Laws of England, and Otto Russe of Vienna.

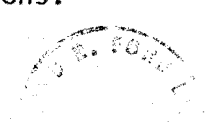
As you can see, the topics have been wide ranging and in general both excellent and interesting. Though the major thrust is, of course, medical and traumatic, we have had speakers who discussed everything from ecology to whitewater rafting. This is a group of individualists and it is a major concern of the Society that the rapid progress of American medicine toward increasing organization and bureaucratic control is destroying spontaneity and the personal aspects of medical care.

The membership has many members who are university oriented and it includes a large number of professors from many schools from the University of Vermont to UCLA. As such, many of its members are influential in organizational and academic medicine.

The Rocky Mountain Traumatologic Society might be an excellent forum for President Ford to make policy statement in an informal atmosphere to what would be a most receptive and, I am sure, enthusiastic audience. In general, the official guest speaker stays with the Society's President and a group of several couples in one of the larger houses in Aspen and usually the three day meeting includes many interesting social activities. I would suspect that if President Ford should come he would be unable to participate as freely but of course he would be most welcome at any and all activities. Usually we have had a large, informal cocktail party at the start of the meeting and end it with a dinner-dance which in the past has been informal, often with a Bavarian-type oompah band for polkas and German waltzes. Perhaps President Ford could commute by helicopter from Vale if this seems more feasible.

The scientific meeting is held at the large Paepcke Auditorium at the Aspen Institute which seats approximately 250 people. The social programs are usually held at the adjacent Aspen Meadows. At times, the annual dance has been held at the top of Ajax Mountain and the more adventurous participants have skied down in the light of the headlights on Snowcats.

This location has had to be abandoned for safety reasons.

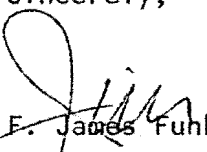


Alfred B. Swanson, M. D.  
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If you get any encouragement at all from the White House I would like to hear of it. If you personally are interested, I will certainly send you an invitation for next year in any event, but it would be particularly fine if you could come and accompany your golfing partner.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



F. James Funk, Jr., M. D.

FJFjr:mdl





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*Pres  
Scheduling  
Queen  
Elizabeth*  
July 1976

March 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

WARREN RUSTAND

FROM:

PHILIP BUCHEN

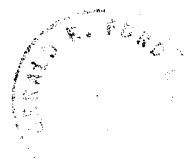
*T.W.B.*

Sir Peter Ramsbotham, Ambassador to the United States from the United Kingdom, has been trying to determine an appropriate time in July 1976 for a State visit by Queen Elizabeth to this country. Apparently, the Queens of England like to make their plans far in advance and in this instance Queen Elizabeth would like to relate her visit to Washington with a visit to Montreal for the 1976 Olympics.

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Now I am asked by Sir Peter when he could reasonably expect that the White House will have made a determination of the dates to be so reserved so that the Queen's visit could be planned for on one of the other dates in July.

Whatever help you can give me in responding to Sir Peter would be appreciated.



Friday 1/17/75

9:25    Called Rustand's office to ask for a copy of the letter requesting an appointment for Sir Peter Ramsbotham to see the President before the Prime Minister's meeting with the President (which, I understand, is on January 30).

It was referred to Gen. Scowcroft; I called there and they advise the appointment for Sir Peter Ramsbotham is scheduled for 12 noon on Wednesday, January 22.

(They will send a copy of the letter and the scheduling approval.)



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: January 10, 1975

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

VIA: Warren S. Rustand

CONFIDENTIAL

*Amb. Ramsbotham scheduled  
to see the President at  
12:00n, Wed, 1/22/75, for 15 min.*

MEETING: British Ambassador to the United States  
Sir Peter Ramsbotham

DATE: January 13-17, 1975

PURPOSE: To discuss possible State visit by Queen  
Elizabeth II in 1976 and to review plans for  
Prime Minister Wilson's visit.

FORMAT: Oval Office, 15 minutes

SPEECH MATERIAL: Talking Points will be provided by the NSC staff.

PRESS COVERAGE: The meeting will be announced; White House  
photographer only.

STAFF: Henry A. Kissinger

RECOMMEND: Henry A. Kissinger

BACKGROUND: In late December, Sir Peter raised with me the UK's  
interest in a State visit to the United States by Her  
Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 1976.

The Queen is already planning to attend the '76  
summer olympics in Montreal, Canada on July 17,  
1976. The tentative British thinking is that it would  
be appropriate for her to come to the United States  
either before or after the Canadian visit.

Sir Peter would like to inform you personally of  
Her Majesty's interest in coming to the United  
States. He is aware that a State visit will have to be  
considered in the broader context of U.S. plans for  
foreign visitors during the bicentennial year and also  
the timing of the '76 political conventions in the  
United States.

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In my opinion, it would be appropriate and most welcome were Her Majesty to visit the United States during the Bicentennial. If you agree, this meeting will permit you to so advise the British Ambassador, noting that we will have to work out detailed arrangements as well as the timing of a joint announcement on the visit.

Sir Peter will also wish to take this occasion to comment briefly on plans for Prime Minister Harold Wilson's visit to the United States on January 30-31, 1975.

I recommend that you agree to see the British Ambassador for 15 minutes.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 7, 1975

*Presidents  
Scheduling*

MEMORANDUM TO: PHILIP W. BUCHEN ✓  
JOHN O. MARSH, JR.  
DONALD H. RUMSFELD  
JAMES LYNN  
L. WILLIAM SEIDMAN  
RONALD H. NESSEN  
JAMES CANNON  
ANN WHITMAN

FROM: ROBERT T. HARTMANN *RTH*

Effective March 10, 1975, a new system of processing invitations extended to the President and Vice President from entities of the Republican Party throughout the nation will be instituted. The new procedure will involve the Republican National Committee as a part of the input process in recommending whether invitations should be accepted or not.

Occasionally many of us receive communications from friends and acquaintances urging acceptance of an invitation to the President or Vice President. These should be handled as they always have been by referral to Warren Rustand's Scheduling Office, but in your acknowledgement of Republican Party invitations, you may wish to mention the fact that the Republican National Committee now has a role in the decision process for such invitations. In short, let the RNC take the blame if the answer is "No".



*Presidents  
Scheduling*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 7, 1975

Dear Mr. Weil:

Phil Buchen informed me of your kind invitation to President Ford to address some 900 members of the American Newspaper Publishers Association at a luncheon on Wednesday, April 9, in New Orleans.

In light of the heavy demands on the President's official schedule, I am afraid he will be unable to accept your invitation. However, he did ask that I express his apologies as well as his appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

With the President's good wishes,

Sincerely,

*Ron Nessen*

Ron Nessen  
Press Secretary  
to the President

Mr. Louis A. Weil, Jr.  
Federated Publications, Inc.  
221 North Sixth Street  
Lafayette, Indiana 47901

*Phil:*

*This is a  
damn shame. I  
thought we could make  
many more influential  
friends for the President. Best regards  
Louis*





March 7, 1975

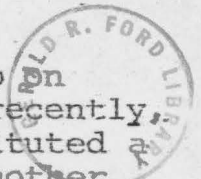
POSITION OF MARITIME INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES  
MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT

BACKGROUND

The U. S.-flag tanker industry is on the brink of disaster.

Since the President's pocket veto of the Energy Transportation Security Act:

- Over 1.2 million tons of U. S.-flag tankers are laid up for lack of employment and this number is predicted to exceed 2 million tons by the end of April.
- Fully 29% of the independent (non-oil company owned) fleet is now laid up, and that figure is expected to reach 44% by the end of April.
- Thousands of American seamen have been added to the ranks of the unemployed.
- The ranks of unemployed shipyard workers have also swollen. Seatrain Shipyard has closed down, laying off 3,000 workers and leaving in question the fate of two supertankers that are 80% and 35% complete. Newport News Shipbuilding is also laying off 2,000 workers. Todd Shipyards, which employ 10,000, is expected to face similar problems in the near future.
- Bankruptcies seem imminent for several independent tanker operators unable to indefinitely sustain the huge cash drains entailed in debt service, insurance and other fixed costs of laid up vessels.
- Bankruptcies are also imminent for one or more shipyards.
- The Government could, in the near future, be confronted with as much as \$200 million of losses on guaranteed loans on tankers and shipyards.
- Oil exporting nations have moved to tighten their grip on transportation as well as supply of petroleum. Most recently, Saudi Arabia, the world's largest exporter, has instituted a preference for Saudi vessels. It joined Venezuela, another major exporter, as well as a host of other nations that have some form of cargo reservation policy.



-The present U. S.-flag tanker fleet, conceded by everyone (including the Administration) to be inadequate for U. S. security needs, is in serious danger of having its capability further diminished as economic conditions force scrapping of vessels or their transfer to foreign registry.

-In the meantime, the Navy is moving ahead with plans to construct and operate 10 more tankers, for a total of 23, further depriving the U. S. merchant marine of employment.

#### SOLUTION

The President has it within his power and authority to provide temporary, emergency relief that will prevent a disaster in this industry.

We believe that the only practicable solution to the tanker industry problem is an Executive Order that will provide cargo for U. S.-built and manned tankers. Unlike a direct subsidy, this would not merely put U. S. vessels on a cost parity with foreign vessels, many of which are also in layup. Today, even subsidized U. S. vessels are laid up. Providing cargo for U. S. vessels would get these vessels moving again and alleviate unemployment in the industry.

We believe that cargo could be provided U. S. ships through one of the two following means, or a combination of both. For reasons set forth hereafter, we believe that these temporary emergency approaches would be consistent with prior statements and actions by the President.





1) Use American Vessels First: An Executive Order requiring oil importers, as a condition of importation, to use American-built and manned vessels, prior to using foreign vessels, to the extent U. S. vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates.

This would be by far the preferable approach. It would address the urgent need of the industry: cargo. It would, on a temporary basis, permit U. S. vessels to operate during the duration of the present emergency.

2) Temporary Remission of Import License Fees for Oil Carried on U. S. Tankers: In addition, the Executive Order should grant an exemption from import fees to importers using U. S.-flag tankers, constructed in the U. S. Such a remission would provide importers an incentive to use U. S.-flag vessels constructed in the U. S. We believe that remission of the present fee would be sufficient to permit U. S. vessels to participate in the nearby Caribbean and South American trades, though it is impossible to state this with absolute certainty.

Again, we believe that this approach should be combined with mandating use of American vessels first.



We believe that this proposal is consistent with the President's policies:

1) It is anti-recessionary; U. S. tanker operation and completion of construction of ships under contract will preserve threatened seagoing and shipyard jobs. Tankers taken out of layup will restore recently lost seagoing jobs.

2) The national security capabilities of the U. S. tanker fleet will be preserved.

3) It would avoid the problems which led to the veto of the Energy Transportation Security Act since:

a) The proposal would be temporary in nature, easily modified or repealed by Executive Order when the present temporary emergency had passed;

b) The measure would not result in retaliation. Only about 15% of waterborne U. S. oil imports (2.7% of worldwide tanker movements) would be involved.

c) The proposal is not inflationary and would not result in any cost increase to consumers;

d) The proposal is within the President's authority to adjust oil imports and import fees in the interest of national security, without violating the GATT or Friendship, Commerce or Navigation treaties;

e) Because of its temporary nature, it would not encourage any new construction in U. S. shipyards and therefore, not place inflationary pressures on shipyard costs or impair naval ship construction;



4) The proposal would assist the one industry most directly affected by the President's energy program. While other industries may be adversely impacted by higher energy prices, the U. S.-tanker industry is directly affected by the reduction in oil movements.

We urge that the proposals outlined above be implemented immediately.



*President*

Friday 3/7/75

Meeting  
3/7/75  
10 a.m.

9:35 Mr. Hartmann's office advises there will be a meeting with the President at 10 a.m. this morning on polling results -- in the Cabinet Room -- with top senior staff:

Hartmann  
Rumsfeld  
Marsh  
Nessen  
Friedersdorf  
Theis



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*Called Warren  
3/13/75  
T.P.*

March 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

WARREN RUSTAND

FROM:

PHILIP BUCHEN *T.W.B.*

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*It is my understanding that NSC is handling the suggested dates for the Queen's visit. Therefore, I suggest that General Secombe or Jeanne Davis is most qualified to make this determination. Thankyou for bringing it to my attention  
WSR*



Monday 3/10/75

Meeting  
3/19/75  
11 a.m.

7:45    There is to be a meeting with the President on  
Wednesday 3/19 at 11 a.m. -- Frank Fitzsimmons.  
(The new Secretary of Labor should be present)

Have you been asked to invite him?    Or invite Fitzsimmons?  
Or shall I check with Nell?



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. PHILIP BUCHEN  
FROM: WARREN RUSTAND *WR*  
SUBJECT: Approved Presidential Activity

Please take the necessary steps to implement the following and confirm with Mrs. Nell Yates, ext. 2699. The appropriate briefing paper should be submitted to Dr. David Hoopes by 4:00 p.m. of the preceding day.

Meeting: Mr. Frank Fitzsimmons, Teamsters Union President

Date: Wed. March 19, 1975 Time: 11:00 a.m. Duration: 20 minutes

Location: The Oval Office

Press Coverage:

Purpose: President expressed interest in meeting with Fitzsimmons.  
New Secretary of Labor should be present for this meeting.

cc: Mr. Hartmann  
Mr. Marsh  
Mr. Cheney  
Dr. Connor  
Dr. Hoopes  
Mr. Jones  
Mr. Nessen  
Mr. O'Donnell  
Mrs. Yates



*President  
scheduling*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

3/13/75

Mr. Buchen:

Do you want me to  
give this information  
to Eliska's office now?

Eva

*Yes*

RECEIVED  
RICHARD M. FORD



March 13, 1975

Mr. Conable called. He sends his regards to Mr. Buchen and the President.

Donald T. Nichols  
Retirement Dinner - March 21

born February 1913, Grand Rapids

Graduated Grand Rapids Central High School 1931

Graduated University of Michigan 1936

Hired by General Motors June 22, 1936  
Has 39 years of service

Served with US Navy 1943-46 - Retired with rank of Lieutenant

Resident Controller, Fisher Body Plant, Pittsburgh, Penna.  
and then Kalamazoo, Mich.

Roommate of President Ford at University of Michigan

Letter should be sent to:

Mr. M. J. Hanley, Jr.  
Plant Manager  
GM Corp.  
Kalamazoo Fisher Body Division  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001

(Mr. Hanley wrote a letter to the President inviting him  
to Mr. Nichols' retirement dinner.)

JANE



March 12, 1975

Mr. Buchen:

Mr. Conable's Secretary called  
and left the following message:

Mr. Conable is collecting the  
information you wanted and he  
will call Thursday. He should  
have the information by then.

Jane

Conable  
Alfred

3/11/75

Shirley:

Alfred Connable will be calling  
Mr. Buchen tomorrow.

And then we can let Shirley in  
Eliska Hasek's office know.

Eva

Monday 3/10/75

4:20 Whenever you want to call Al Connable in  
Kalamazoo, there are the two following:

Alfred Connable (616) 382-5800  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Shirley Rack  
Called x 2185

Re: Donald Nichols

Said she talked  
to Jane about  
him.

Wright



Who would  
you want  
to call?



Thursday 3/6/75

5:20 Eliska Hasek is doing a Presidential Message for Donald T. Nichols, who is retiring as Plant Comptroller in the Fisher Body, GM Corp. in Kalamazoo -- and is being honored on March 21.

They would like to know if he was a roommate of President Ford.

Shirley

2185

GM Corp. had written to invite the President to the retirement party -- and they (Hasek's office) thought they'd prepare a message if the President knew him extremely well.

honored 3/21

Pres Message

Donald T. Nichols

Plant  
Retir Comptroller

Fisher Body Kalam  
GM Corp



Roommates?  
Shirley  
2/85

*Presidents  
Scheduling*

Friday 3/14/75

10:45 Jones Pharr wanted to let you know he followed  
your suggestions.

He has now come and made his presentation to  
the Appointments Office. Will leave to go back to Charlotte.

Wanted you to know how much he appreciated your help.

*✓ J. Ford*





Wednesday 2/19/75

2:10 Jones Pharr called back and was sorry he missed you.  
Will try to get in touch the next time he's in Washington.



Wednesday 2/19/75

10:00 Jones Pharr had received your letter of Feb. 11 (attached) and appreciates your suggestion and will just wait until he hears further from Rep. Martin's investigation -- probably will do nothing.

Mr. Pharr is in Washington today attending some meetings. He will try to call back around 1:45 this afternoon to see if you might have a free moment to say "hello."



February 11, 1975

*Pharr,  
Jones Y.*

Dear Jones:

It seemed good to hear from you again after the many months I have been away from the meetings where I used to see you.

On the matter of having the President appear at the celebration on May 20, 1975, I cannot give much encouragement. The President's schedule is continually overcrowded, and in these times when his problems with Congress are acute, it is not easy to see how he can be away from Washington very much. If I were you, I would leave the matter in the hands of the scheduling office after that office receives the expected invitation from Jim Martin. I hope you will understand if it does not prove feasible for the President to attend.

Warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Mr. Jones Y. Pharr, Jr.  
Post Office Box 11468  
2842 Selwyn Avenue  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28209

Pbuchen:sk 2/11/75



JONES Y. PHARR, JR.  
POST OFFICE BOX 11468  
2842 SELWYN AVENUE  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28209

February 2, 1975

Dear Phil:

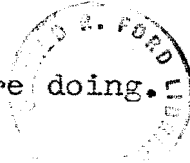
While in Grand Rapids last week, I asked Jack if he could advise the best way I could add a little personal encouragement to Jerry in response to an invitation to him to be a part of a local celebration commemorating the signing of The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, and the dedication of a historical landmark, Latta Place, as a restored historical park. The event is to be on May 20, 1975. Jerry has or will shortly be invited to participate in the ceremonies by our congressman, Jim Martin.

The celebration of this event in the past has had the participation of three presidents, the latest being President Eisenhower. Jerry has been a long-time favorite in these parts. We are aware of the magnitude of matters before Jerry presently, but this occasion may give him an opportunity to respond to some matter before him. It will be a part of the opening round of local celebration of the Bi-Centennial of our Country.

Jack suggested a good way may be to drop you this note giving you the basic thought, and then give you a ring. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will call you within ten days for any thoughts you might have on how best to encourage Jerry to consider this matter.

My very best wishes to you in all that you are doing.

Cordially,

  
*Jones*  
Jones Y. Pharr, Jr.

Mr. Phillip Buchen  
Jefferson Hotel  
1200 16th St.  
Washington, D. C. 20036

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 18, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: WARREN RUSTAND

FROM: PHILIP W. BUCHEN

*P.W.B.*

The attached correspondence has been acknowledged and is referred for your appropriate handling and further response.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 19, 1975

Dear Ms. Barnes:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of February 7 to the President. It was very kind of you to write such a personal note and I am sure it would please President Ford to know of your appreciation for his years of service to the constituents of the Congressional district which he represented.

Your request that the President meet with your organization while it is in Washington is being referred to the President's scheduling office.

You may be assured that the President appreciates your concern about this important issue.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Ms. Norma Barnes  
5030 Toepfer  
Warren, Michigan 48091



*Pres. sent to  
secretary*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 19, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: JERRY JONES

FROM: PHILIP W. BUCHEN

*P.W.B.*

The enclosed correspondence from a French artist suggests a Franco-American art exhibition at the White House. I have responded negatively to this suggestion. However, I also promised to refer this letter to the appropriate office for review and I am unsure which office would be appropriate.

Thank you for your assistance.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 18, 1975

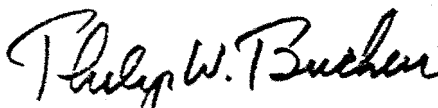
Dear Mr. Manon:

Thank you very much for your most recent letter of February 4, 1975.

Your thoughtful suggestion that the White House conduct a Franco-American art exhibition has been noted. While I doubt that the White House has the proper facilities and adequate space for such an exhibit, nevertheless, I will refer your letter to the appropriate offices for their consideration.

With appreciation,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Philip W. Buchen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "P" and "B".

Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Mr. Claudius Manon  
Impasse des Iles 25  
26000 Valence, France



"Preside"

MEETING RE FOREIGN GIFTS

Wednesday, March 19, 1975

5:30 p.m. (30 minutes)

The Oval Office

From: Bill Casselman *BC*

I. PURPOSE

To decide upon a uniform policy with respect to the exchange of gifts between U.S. and foreign officials, including heads of state.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

A. Background: In response to the attached memorandum on foreign gift policy, you indicated that you wished to meet with staff to discuss various options.

B. Participants: Phil Buchen, Bill Casselman, Jack Marsh, Don Rumsfeld, Brent Scowcroft.

C. Press Plan: No press coverage.

III. TALKING POINTS

1. As I understand it, we have three basic options. Let's explore the pros and cons of each.

2. We could maintain the present policy of exchanging gifts of varying and even significant value, as strongly favored by the Department of State.

3. We could limit gifts to items of moderate value, such as autographed pictures, as recommended by Counsel to the President.

4. Finally, we could submit legislation limiting official gifts to foreign dignitaries to items of moderate cost (e.g. less than \$50). This approach has support on Capitol Hill from Senator Proxmire and others.

5. There is also a question as to what Government policy should be as to public disclosure of foreign gifts given and received.

*Presidential  
Scheduling*

Thursday 3/20/75

6:15 Seymour Rubin, American Society of International Law, is having its annual meeting in Washington April 24-26. On past occasions they have had a general message of greeting from the President. He had talked with Monroe Leigh at State (also V. P. of American Society), who said he should contact someone at the White House. 265-4313

I asked him to write a letter with the information and we would see that it got in the proper channels for consideration.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*President*  
*only with*  
*Maritime*  
*12-10-75*

March 24, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: BILL SEIDMAN

FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN *J.L.B.*

Attached is a memo to me concerning one of the issues raised at the meeting held between the President and Representatives of the U. S. Maritime Industry.

I leave it to you as to how much of a broader circulation you will want to give this memo.

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date 3/21/75

TO: PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: DUDLEY CHAPMAN

Ken suggested that you might want to  
send copies to the other people who  
attended the meeting.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN  
FROM: DUDLEY CHAPMAN *DC*  
SUBJECT: Proposed exemption of U. S. Flag  
tankers from oil import fee.

You asked whether the proposed exemption to favor U. S. flag carriers would create any legal problems.

Nino Scalia does not see a problem in terms of uniformity of the fee, since the Constitutional requirement is geographical only.

There is, however, a problem of the proper use of the statutory authority. The finding on which petroleum import controls is based goes to the national security importance of petroleum only, not tankers. As purely economic relief for the tanker industry, the proposal would arguably be an inappropriate use of the petroleum import control program.

A case could be made that the national security also requires a healthy tanker industry, but this should be the subject of a new and separate finding.

Such a finding would present no legal problems but several practical ones:

- The President having just vetoed the cargo preference legislation on the merits would appear inconsistent in doing practically the same thing by executive action.
- The independent tankers involved are the marginal, speculative part of the industry, which makes the national security argument look very thin.

- "National security" as a rationale for accomplishing other objectives is so much out of favor that its use here would damage the President's credibility.
- Despite the broad language of the statute authorizing the President to restrict imports of any "article" which threatens to impair the national security, it has never been used to protect any industry other than oil (for which it was enacted). Many other industries have sought protection under this statute but none have succeeded. An affirmative finding here could be viewed as breaking the ice for extension of import protection to many other industries on national security grounds and create pressure on the President to do so.

President

not with  
merit  
people

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Ken:

Check to see if you  
find any legal problems  
in any of the solution  
proposals, particularly  
#2 on p. 3.

Nino S. had some  
concern that the fee  
~~was~~ a custom duty,  
which has to be  
uniformly assessed.

P.



March 7, 1975

POSITION OF MARITIME INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES  
MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT

BACKGROUND

The U. S.-flag tanker industry is on the brink of disaster.

Since the President's pocket veto of the Energy Transportation Security Act:

- Over 1.2 million tons of U. S.-flag tankers are laid up for lack of employment and this number is predicted to exceed 2 million tons by the end of April.
- Fully 29% of the independent (non-oil company owned) fleet is now laid up, and that figure is expected to reach 44% by the end of April.
- Thousands of American seamen have been added to the ranks of the unemployed.
- The ranks of unemployed shipyard workers have also swollen. Seatrain Shipyard has closed down, laying off 3,000 workers and leaving in question the fate of two supertankers that are 80% and 35% complete. Newport News Shipbuilding is also laying off 2,000 workers. Todd Shipyards, which employ 10,000, is expected to face similar problems in the near future.
- Bankruptcies seem imminent for several independent tanker operators unable to indefinitely sustain the huge cash drains entailed in debt service, insurance and other fixed costs of laid up vessels.
- Bankruptcies are also imminent for one or more shipyards.
- The Government could, in the near future, be confronted with as much as \$200 million of losses on guaranteed loans on tankers and shipyards.
- Oil exporting nations have moved to tighten their grip on transportation as well as supply of petroleum. Most recently, Saudi Arabia, the world's largest exporter, has instituted a preference for Saudi vessels. It joined Venezuela, another major exporter, as well as a host of other nations that have some form of cargo reservation policy.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 6, 1975

MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
U.S. TANKER INDUSTRY

March 7, 1975

2:00 p.m.

From: L. William Seidman

I. PURPOSE

To discuss the problems facing the U.S. tanker industry.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS, AND PRESS PLAN

- A. Background: It is likely that in the next few months 42 U.S. tankers will be idled. This would account for 44 percent of the total tonnage of the independently owned U.S. oil tankers and 21 percent of the total tonnage in the U.S. tanker fleet. ~~This represents a return to the situation that~~ existed prior to the 1972 Soviet grain deal when 44 tankers were laid up.

On February 4 the Executive Committee of the Economic Policy Board established an interagency group chaired by Secretary Dent consisting of representatives of the Departments of State, Defense, and the Treasury, OMB, FEA, and STR to study the problems that face the tanker industry and to consider possible remedial actions.

On February 7, Secretary Dent testified on the situation in the tanker industry before the Senate Commerce Committee indicating that you intended to meet in early March with industry representatives to obtain their views and recommendations.

Four short documents have been prepared as background material. An outline of the tanker industry problem is attached at Tab A. A short paper on the particular

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WASHINGTON  
March 24, 1975

*Pres.  
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Dear Al:

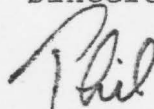
Many thanks for your recent letter. I fear I've taken longer to answer than I planned. The thoughts you raise do merit attention and I have searched for the appropriate forum.

The question of sufficient Presidential time almost certainly eliminates the possibility we discussed.

A possible useful alternative would be to arrange for you and the people you suggest to join in on an already scheduled meeting with appropriate departmental representatives here in the White House. The subject is "The Handicapped" and the date is April 29th. If this appeals to you please advise Dr. Ted Marrs who is Special Assistant to the President in the Office of Public Liaison. I have forwarded your letter to Ted.

Spring is bursting forth here too-jonquils and forsythia particularly. Our azaleas and camellias will be much later.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen  
Counsel to the President

Mr. Albert P. Calli  
Executive Director  
Georgia Warm Springs  
Hospital  
Warm Springs, Georgia 31830



March 31, 1975

*Pres.  
Scheduling*

MEMO FOR: WARREN RUSTAND  
FROM: STAN SCOTT  
SUBJECT: World Law Conference

Per our conversation at lunch, attached is a copy of the letter submitted to our office from the World Peace Through Law Center requesting the President to address the assembly here in Washington in October. Warren, an earlier copy of the attached should be on file in your office.

Attachments

cc: Phil Buchen ✓





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February 12, 1975

The Honorable Stan Scott  
Presidential Advisor  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Stan:

As we discussed a short time ago, I attach a copy of the invitation of the World Peace Through Law Center to President Ford to open the 1975 Washington World Law Conference, Monday, October 13th.

We shall be very grateful to you for all the assistance you can give us in getting the President to address the first assembly, as have other heads of state (including Lyndon B. Johnson) at past World Law Conferences.

May I extend my best personal wishes and look forward to your being my guest at lunch toward the end of this month or early March.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

*William S. Thompson*

William S. Thompson  
Secretary-General

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February 5, 1975

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford  
President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

My Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor for the World Peace Through Law Center to extend to you a most cordial invitation to open the 1975 Washington World Law Conference.

The World Peace Through Law Center is a world-wide organization of lawyers, judges, professors of law, law students and laymen in 135 nations. The Center will celebrate its 12th anniversary by sponsoring the Seventh World Law Conference of the World Peace Through Law Center in Washington, D.C. at the Sheraton Park Hotel October 12-17, 1975. The opening session is scheduled for Monday, October 13, 1975 at 10:00 a.m.

The Center's six other World Conferences of the legal profession, sponsored by the World Peace Through Law Center and their attendance were: Athens, Greece (1963), 1500; Washington, D.C. (1965), 3500; Geneva, Switzerland (1967), 2500; Bangkok, Thailand (1969), 1500; Belgrade, Yugoslavia (1971), 4000; and Abidjan, Ivory Coast (1973), 3000.

As the World Peace Through Law Conferences have moved from world capital to world capital during the past twelve years, it has been the custom and established practice for the Head of State to open the Conference. We were privileged to have President Lyndon B. Johnson



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open the Conference when it was last held in Washington, D.C. in 1965. The 3,000 or more Conference delegates were privileged in 1973 to hear President Felix Houphouet-Boigny speak at the opening session of the Sixth World Peace Through Law assembly in Abidjan, Ivory Coast in 1973.

As you know, the World Peace Through Law Center and the World Conferences, have as their goal the strengthening of law in the world community -- the use of law to solve problems of mankind in the place of force.

The World Conferences bring together thousands of jurists, including Chief Justices from many nations, lawyers from around the world, and professors of law in the world law schools.

This world cannot countenance the continual resort to force for the settlement of differences and must encourage steady improvement and strengthening of law to reconcile our world differences.

May I look forward with great expectation and real appreciation to your opening the Seventh World Law Conference in Washington, D.C., Monday, October 13, 1975. Thank you for your consideration.

May I take this opportunity also to commend you for your splendid message Thursday morning at the National Prayer Breakfast.

Respectfully yours,

*William S. Thompson*

William S. Thompson  
Secretary-General

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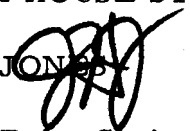
THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 31, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF

FROM:

JERRY H. JONES 

SUBJECT:

Courier to Palm Springs

All written communications, materials or information going to the President that must reach him before his return from Palm Springs should be in the Office of the Staff Secretary no later than 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 2, 1975.

All information or materials going to Palm Springs but not directed to the attention of the President should be ready for pick-up in the Situation Room by 2:00 p.m., April 2.

Please use your discretion and send only material that must reach the Presidential party before their return.

Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 31, 1975

TO: PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: JOHN O. MARSH, JR.

           For Direct Reply

           For Draft Response

  X       For Your Information

           Please Advise



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 31, 1975

MEMO TO: JACK MARSH  
FROM: RUSS ROURKE *R*

FYI, the back-up aircraft is leaving Andrews AFB at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2. A pouch has already been set up by Bill Gulley to handle these matters. Any items you might have for the President should be submitted directly to Jerry Jones. Any materials you might want to go to anyone else in the President's party should be sent to the Situation Room. The deadline for the receipt of these materials is 2 p.m., April 2.

There is no word at present as to any other scheduled flights to the West Coast.

If need be, a personal courier can always be sent out aboard a commercial aircraft.

Jerry Jones is totally aware of the machinery concerning this entire operation, and is available to respond to any further questions on this position.

*President's  
scheduling  
8/9/75*

March 31, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Warren Rustand  
FROM: Phil Buchen

Although the date is more than six months away, I would like you to make a record of a proposed reunion with the President and Mrs. Ford on August 9, 1975, of the group of his close friends who were with the President and Mrs. Ford on the evening of August 9, 1974, after he was sworn in as President. At the time of the original event, everyone present, with the concurrence of the President, agreed that we should come together again on the anniversary of that date.

I do not have the complete guest list of the ones who attended the 1974 dinner at the President's home in Alexandria, but it included the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Clark MacGregor  
Mr. and Mrs. Mel Laird  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whyte  
Mr. and Mrs. John Byrnes  
Mr. and Mrs. Rod Markley  
Mr. and Mrs. James Brown  
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Buchen

The group would like to provide a reception and dinner for President and Mrs. Ford, and there is plenty of time to work out the details and make the necessary arrangements if you will keep this suggestion in mind when the President's future schedule is planned.

PWBucheb:ed

