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October 7, 1974

Memorandum

For:

Warren Rustand

From:

Philip Buchen

Subjects

Dr. Junn, attendance on Presidential trip to

South Korea

Enclosed please find a letter from the President of Grand Valley State College proposing that Dr. Junn be considered to accompany the President to South Korea. Would you please take any appropriate action or let me know what to do.



Dear Dons

How kind you are to take a moment to write about Dr. Junn. He does indeed sound like someone with the kind of background who could be of service, although, I do not know what arrangements are being made for this trip. With your permission I will forward your letter to the appropriate person so that this can receive prompt consideration.

I appreciated hearing from you. Thank you for this suggestion.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen Counsel to the President

Mr. Arend D. Lubbers President Grand Valley State Colleges College Landing Allendale, Michigan 49401





September 30, 1974

Mr. Phillip Buchen The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Phil:

After learning about Jerry's proposed visit to South Korea, one of our professors asked me to write to you on his behalf to ask if he could be of any assistance in the President's travels abroad.

The professor is Robert Sungjook Junn, whom you may remember from your days at Grand Valley, since he joined the GVSC faculty in 1965. Dr. Junn was born in Korea and is now a naturalized citizen of the United States. When the President was a congressman, Dr. Junn helped draft his questionnaires to the Fifth District constituents and he also moderated a Ford-McKee debate held at GVSC.

Because he is a Korean by birth, I am sure that Dr. Junn could be of assistance in many ways in preparation for a trip to Korea. If the President feels inclined to use Dr. Junn's services, I am sure he will not be disappointed.

We follow your new career with great interest.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Arend D. Lubbers

President

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

Japanese trip

October 21, 1974

P.B.:

We should make the following points to the President.

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5:30 In checking for the President's schedule for Japan, the following is a tentative schedule:

11/14 late p.m. Depart for Palm Springs

11/17 leave for Alaska

11/18 spend in Anchorage

11/19 leave for Japan; be there 20th and 21st

11/21 leave for Korea

11/23 Leave for the United States



Dear Mr. Doty:

Thank you very much for your recent letter of November fifth, enclosing certain materials concerning the activities of People-to-People International in Japan and Korea,

I understand that you would like the President to make mention of these activities in a public statement during his trip to Japan and Korea. Please be assured that your request will be given every consideration by those who advise the President with regard to such matters.

I appreciate your kind inquiry.

Most sincerely yours,

Jay T. French Assistant Counsel

Mr. James T. Doty President People-to-People International International Headquarters 2201 Grand Avenue Kansas City, Missouri 64108

JTF:em

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Presidents Horea/ USSB Trip Nevember 14, 1974 Dear Wally: Your letter to the President about Stanley Timer has reached the Oval Office, and the information is going with the President on his trip to Japan, Korea, and the U.S.S.R. How the suggestion may be implemented I do not know, but I am sure it will help that the President has learned of your friendship with the Attaways and their interests. Warmest regards to you and Marge. Sincerely yours, Philip W. Buchen Counsel to the President Mr. Wallace M. Chamberlain 1025 Plymouth Road, S. E. Grand Rapide, Michigan 49506 PWBuchen:ed

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Stanley Tiner's going to the U.S.S.R. with the
Presidential group ---- Dorothy advises that she showed
it to the President and -- rather than take along the whole
letter -- he asked her to make a note for him to take,
which she will do.

She asked if you would reply to Mr. Chamberlain and give him this information -- or if she should write a letter.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Bet to Pres. thru Dorothy Downton.



11/11/74 From the desk of -WALLACE M. CHAMBERLAIN Hi Plul. my be ale Dielo way to The President Bost of you! Ofolly

WALLACE M. CHAMBERLAIN November 11, 1974 The President of the United States The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am informed by our good friends Douglas and Marion Attaway, publishers of the Shreveport Journal, that Mr. Stanley Tiner, Editor of the Journal, has been invited to accompany you on your forthcoming visit to the U.S.S.R.

As I informed you earlier this year, the Attaways have been your staunch supporters and admirers and I know would greatly appreciate it if Mr. Tiner might have the opportunity for personal association or interview at some time during the trip...just thought some personal identification might be desirable.

With the best of wishes, I have the honor to remain,

Most respectfully yours,

1025 Plymouth Road S.E. Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506





April 12, 1974

Mr. Wallace M. Chamberlain 1025 Plymouth Road SE Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506

Dear Wally,

Thank you very much for your recent letter and the one you had received from Marian and Doug Attaway following your trip to South

Naturally, I am pleased by the 'P.S. that was penned on the Attaways' letter to you, and I appreciate your view about my popularity in the deep south.

With warmest personal regards.

Sincere

Gerala R Ford

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Prosidents Japani Russintry November 15, 1974 MEMORANDUM FOR: General Scowcroft Philip W. Buchen FROM: In view of the fact that this is probably one of a number of such appeals, I would appreciate your advising me that your effice or the State Department will respond and that I may send merely an acknowledgment to that effect. Is it possible that the earlier letters mentioned evoked no response? Attachment: Letter from Mrs. Eva L. Ritt Chairperson Central Florida Committee for Soviet Jewry PWBuchen:ed

Central Florida Jewish Community Council

851 NORTH MAITLAND AVENUE / MAITLAND, FLORIDA 32751 / 305 645-5933



Mr. Phillip Buchen
The White House
Washington, D.C.

HAROLD H. BENOWITZ
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Res.:1701 Lee Road, apt. 361-L Winter Park, Florida 32789 November 14, 1974

Dear Mr. Buchen,

In only a very short time President Ford will be visiting the USSR. He will spend time in Vladivostok.

Not near Vladivostok, but also in the area of Siberia, in Irkutsk, is a family which has for two years been refused permission to leave the USSR.

Boris Gurevich, his wife Nina and their children David and Marina requested two years ago to leave the USSR to be reunited with relatives in Israel.

Some time ago Boris learned that his father in Israel was suffering from terminal cancer. His plea s to Soviet officials were not answered.

Just recently Boris' father died , but Boris' desire to leave is just as stong as ever.

I wrote to President Ford on August 21, 1974 and again on September 6, 1974 asking for his help in finding assistance for the Gurevich family. My letters were never aknowledged!

I plea with you to urge President Ford to convey to the Soviet officials the Gurevich family's plight and ask for their release and ability to go to Israel.

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HAROLD H. BENOWITZ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Thanking you for your assistance.

Yours very truly,

Loa L. R. itt

Eva L.Ritt (Mrs. David E.)

Chairperson-Central Florida

Committee for Soviet Jewry



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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20554

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER ABBOTT WASHBURN

Dec. 3, 1974

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION WASHINGTON

December 2, 1974

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

With all the things that have been going on under the momentum of the new Ford Administration, unquestionably one of the most significant is the SALT missile breakthrough which you achieved with Mr. Brezhnev in Vladivostok on November 24.

I recall how disappointed President Eisenhower was when the U-2 incident spoiled his scheduled visit to the USSR. He had never been to Russia (even at the end of World War II), and had always wanted to see it. His projected trip to Japan also had to be cancelled, because of the rioting in Tokyo.

So he would have been happy that you were able to accomplish both missions in one trip, and with such great effectiveness.

All warm wishes to you and the family for the holidays.

Respectfully,

Abbott Washburn

bcc: Honorable Philip W. Buchen

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 29, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CONNOR

THROUGH:

PHIL BUCHEN J. W. B.

FROM:

BARRY ROTH BK

SUBJECT:

Travel by the President
Aboard Governmental Aircraft

You have inquired whether on the basis of current interpretations of the Internal Revenue Code, the President should be considered, at least on some trips, as a private traveler aboard Government aircraft. It is my understanding you have in mind a trip that is either primarily or partially for purposes of a vacation, for example, the recent trip to Vail.

The tax consequences of travel aboard Presidential aircraft were recently addressed with respect to former President Nixon. However, the only opinion that has been made public to date with respect to such travel is a staff report prepared by the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation. It should be noted that this report was publicly released, but never formally adopted by the Committee members. Although the IRS presumably studied this issue, its determinations with respect to Mr. Nixon have not been released.

The Committee staff report stated the following with respect to the same question you have raised:

"One question involves the issue of whether there should be an inclusion in income of any amount with respect to the President's own use of Government aircraft. Some of his use could be classified as primarily personal since the flights take him to locations where he spends a significant part of his time on vacation. However, it is also pointed out that the President, by the nature of the office, must hold himself available for work at virtually any time. In part because of this characteristic of the Presidency and in part because of the uncertain status of such items in the past, the staff is not recommending that any amounts be included in income with respect to personal transportation of the President. In making this recommendation, the staff is not suggesting that this be foreclosed as a possible issue in the future."

Although the treatment to be afforded future Presidents is left open, the same reasons for the staff's conclusion at that time are applicable today. For example, the trip to Vail was actually a working vacation, and unlike other Government officials, the President can not "get away from it all" for even just a few days. From a legal standpoint, there is no reason to treat the cost of the President's own air travel to Vail as a personal expense.

The treatment of the costs for flights by non-official or non-political guests of the President, including the First Family, is a separate issue. On this point the Committee staff's conclusion was that such travel was income to the President in the amount of first class airfare for a comparable commercial trip. The result was the same regardless of whether the President was on the plane or not. Inasmuch as you anticipate an informal opinion early next month from Treasury on this entire question of travel aboard Governmental aircraft, we recommend that any decisions on how such travel is to be handled be made once we have reviewed this opinion.

Cathanas.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 24, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN
JIM CONNOR

FROM:

BOB LINDER Line

SUBJECT:

Travel Expenses of the First Lady

Phil's memorandum of March 19 concerning Complimentary Hotel Rooms and Jim's proposed implementing memorandum (both attached at Tab A), raise an additional question about travel and associated expenses for the First Lady, namely, whether these expenses may be properly paid from funds appropriated for the White House Office.

In the past, White House funds were not used for this purpose. I am not certain but I believe the national political committees handled travel expenses for First Ladies. The problem occurs because appropriated funds are for payment of travel expenses of government employees. Even though the First Lady may be representing the President at certain functions, I believe this could only be in an unofficial capacity in that no official appointment is made. I am not aware of any provisions that permit the payment of such expenses to non-government personnel.

We have paid expenses on two trips for the present First Lady (Tab B) from the President's travel account, but this use is beyond any justification we have given for the use of these funds. In addition, the budget ceiling on this account would not permit us to undertake any new expenditures of this magnitude. Indeed, I am not sure that our austere budget will cover all Presidential expenses as outlined in the Buchen memo.

RECOMMENDATION:

That your memorandums should identify a proper source of funds for travel and associated expenses of the First Lady. Although we would prefer to use funds appropriated to the White House Office to pay her expenses — and this would be the simplest solution — I don't believe we can legally do so. We will refrain from processing any future vouchers for the First Lady until we hear further from you.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 20, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JERRY JONES

SUSAN PORTER / SHEILA WEIDENFELD

RED CAVANEY/BILL NICHOLSON

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR

SUBJECT:

Complimentary Hotel Rooms

Attached is a memorandum from Phil Buchen on the subject of the acceptance by the President and Mrs. Ford of complimentary hotel rooms.

In view of the concerns raised by Phil, will you please advise the appropriate people in your respective offices that effective immediately complimentary hotel rooms cannot be accepted for the President and First Lady, and that when travel is political, PFC (and when appropriate RNC) will pay for the rooms, and when travel is official, payment will be from WH funds.

cc: Phil Buchen
Bob Linder
Wilbur Jenkins



THE WHITE HOUSE

March 19, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CONNOR

FROM:

PHIL BUCHEN

SUBJECT:

Complimentary Hotel Rooms

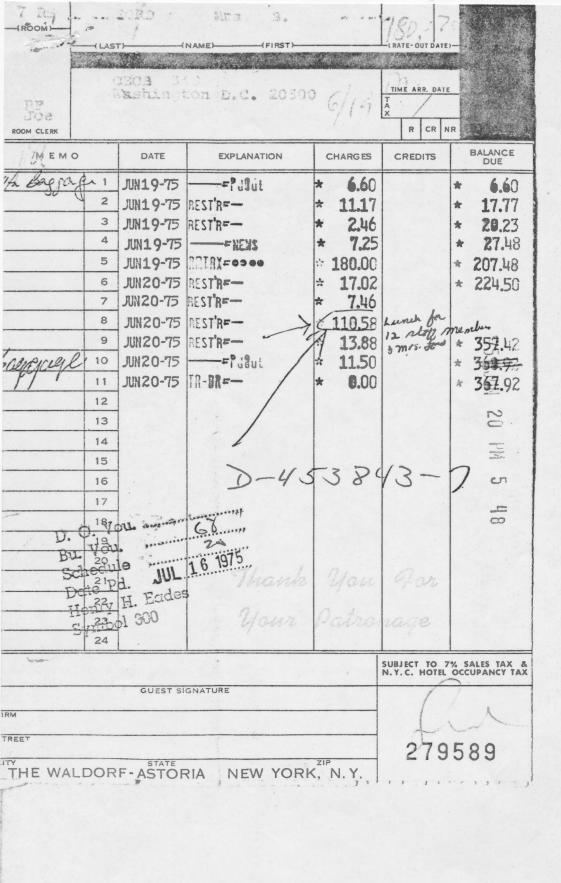
I have just been advised that when the President and the First Lady travel, they are frequently offered complimentary hotel rooms which have been accepted whether or not the trip is political, official or personal. Bob Visser agrees that acceptance of complimentary rooms on political trips is an inkind contribution to the President's campaign, and as such, is an illegal corporate contribution. Accordingly, please take the appropriate steps to discontinue immediately the acceptance of complimentary rooms from hotels on political trips. My office will work with Bob Visser to take appropriate corrective action with respect to past travel.

While acceptance of complimentary rooms by the President and the First Lady on official or personal trips is not covered by this same statutory prohibition, it should be avoided. The gratuitous provision of rooms by corporations such as ITT which do business with or are regulated by the Federal Government, clearly raises problems of appearance.

As you will recall, even when the President paid for the Bass' house in Vail, we had numerous news stories of how Mr. Bass would benefit from the President's strip mine veto. There is a greater likelihood of problems with respect to the donation of corporate—owned facilities. Furthermore, on official travel, the White House lacks the necessary statutory authority to accept travel expenses and, therefore, official travel expenses must generally be paid from appropriated funds.

Please advise me of whatever follow-up action you take in this regard.







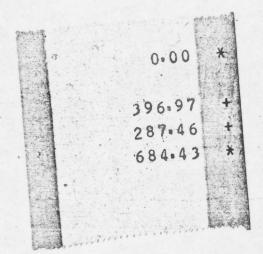
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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 26, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JERRY JONES
SUSAN PORTER
RED CAVANEY
SHEILA WEIDENFELD
BILL NICHOLSON

FROM:

JAME E. CONNOR

SUBJECT:

Complimentary Hotel Rooms

Attached is a memorandum from Phil Buchen on the subject of the acceptance by the President and Mrs. Ford of complimentary hotel rooms.

In view of the concerns raised by Mr. Buchen, will you please advise the appropriate individuals in your respective offices that effective immediately complimentary hotel rooms cannot be accepted for the President and First Lady when the travel is political and that charges for such rooms will have to be made to the President Ford Committee or the Republican National Committee, whichever is determined to be the sponsoring organization for the particular event.

The subject of complimentary hotel rooms when the President and First Lady are engaged in official travel will be the subject of a later memorandum.

Encls.

cc: Phil Buchene

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THE WHITE HOUSE

March 19, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CONNOR

FROM:

PHIL BUCHEN

SUBJECT:

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I have just been advised that when the President and the First Lady travel, they are frequently offered complimentary hotel rooms which have been accepted whether or not the trip is political, official or personal. Bob Visser agrees that acceptance of complimentary rooms on political trips is an inkind contribution to the President's campaign, and as such, is an illegal corporate contribution. Accordingly, please take the appropriate steps to discontinue immediately the acceptance of complimentary rooms from hotels on political trips. My office will work with Bob Visser to take appropriate corrective action with respect to past travel.

While acceptance of complimentary rooms by the President and the First Lady on official or personal trips is not covered by this same statutory prohibition, it should be avoided. The gratuitous provision of rooms by corporations such as ITT which do business with or are regulated by the Federal Government, clearly raises problems of appearance.

As you will recall, even when the President paid for the Bass' house in Vail, we had numerous news stories of how Mr. Bass would benefit from the President's problems with respect to the donation of corporate—owned facilities. Furthermore, on official travel, to accept travel expenses and, therefore, official travel expenses must generally be paid from appropriated funds.

Please advise me of whatever follow-up action you take in this regard.