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MEMORANDUM TO: WALTER RUSTAND
FROM: JIM CANNON

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
April 29, 1975

This is regarding your request on April 2 for my views on the President accepting an invitation to the IMAGE national convention.

I will defer to Bill Baroody's judgment on this one, depending on his thoughts to the following questions:

1. Does the President want to become more closely identified with various ethnic groups?
2. Is IMAGE of sufficient prestige within the Spanish-speaking community?
3. Would the President have a strong enough record in programs for the Spanish-speaking to satisfy this group?
TO: ART FLETCHER
FROM: JIM CANNON

I would like to discuss this with you.
MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES CANNON
FROM: ART QUERN
SUBJECT: USDA Assistance to Southern Black Colleges and Universities

Attached is a brief summary of USDA assistance to southern black colleges and universities during recent years.

Attachment

cc: Art Fletcher
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR: ART QUERN
FROM: PAUL LEACH
SUBJECT: USDA Assistance to Black Southern Colleges and Universities

October 4, 1976

The assistance program for the black "1890 Land Grant Institutions and Tuskegee Institute" was proposed by Secretary Hardin's USDA and was first included in the budget for Fiscal 1972. The budget authority and outlays by year are as follows:

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The figures for fiscal years 1976 and 1977 are the black college and university requests. These were submitted in the President's budgets and approved without change by Congress.
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JIM CANNON

SUBJECT: Letters for Presidential Signature

Attached for your signature are three letters to distinguished citizens who have provided invaluable aid to the United Negro College Fund in Texas. Arthur Fletcher, your Deputy Assistant for Urban Affairs, will deliver these messages from you at the Fund's major annual event on November 27 in Houston.

These letters have been cleared by Bob Hartmann's office.
Dear Dr. Coleman:

Increasing numbers of Black Americans are filling positions of responsibility in business, government, industry and the arts. An important element of this progress is the United Negro College Fund, which for thirty-two years has played an important role in training some 200,000 black alumni in 41 predominantly black U.S. colleges.

Volunteers are the life blood of the efforts of the United Negro College Fund. But no volunteer effort is successful without the leadership of a few individuals like yourself. Your leadership, influence, and dedication to the cause of equal opportunity for all in higher education provides inspiration to all of us. I know it has served to inspire the citizens of Houston to respond with generosity and concern.

I salute your untiring and dutiful services to the minority youths and the member colleges of the United Negro College Fund in Texas.

Sincerely,

Dr. John B. Coleman
5445 Almeda
Houston, Texas 77004
Dear Mrs. Knighton:

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Bessie Knighton
805 Grant
Beaumont, Texas 77701
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Nancy Bohman
312 South Waters
San Antonio, Texas 78202
TO: ROBERT T. HARTMANN
FROM: JIM CANNON

Attached for your approval is a letter that will go to three individuals in Texas.
The attached is self-explanatory. I am speaking for the United Negro College Fund, Houston Chapter, at its annual fund-raising events on November 27. Mr. Melvin Shaw, the Executive Director for the Texas operation, has asked that I bring a message from the President to two distinguished citizens who have aided the fund as volunteers throughout the years.

Attached are suggested copies for the President's message. I would appreciate your assistance in securing compliance with this request. I will deliver the messages from the President at the time I speak.
November 15, 1976

Mr. Arthur Fletcher,
Deputy Assistant to the
President on Urban Affairs
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

Enclosed you will find copies of the letters to be drafted for three of our outstanding volunteers in Texas, to be presented at the Houston F.B. Patterson Awards Night, Saturday, November 27, 1976. Please feel free to reword them for the President's signature.

Thank you for your help!

Very truly yours,

Janet Williams
Public Relations Assistant

JW/jd
Enclosure:
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Dear Dr. Coleman:

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As President of the United States of America, I salute your untiring and dutiful services to the minority youths and the member colleges of the United Negro College Fund in Texas.

But no volunteer effort is successful without the leadership of a few individuals like yourself. Your leadership, influence, and dedication to the cause of equal opportunity for all in higher education provide inspiration to all of us.

I know it has been a source of great pride for you to represent the citizens of Houston to respond with generosity and concern.

I salute...
Mrs. Bessie Knighton  
205 Grant  
Beaumont, Texas 77701  

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