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THE WHITE HOUSE

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. 

WASHINGTON
October 14, 1974

LISTENING SESSION WITH THE HANDICAPPED
PEOPLE AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED
WITH THE HANDICAPPED

Tuesday, October 15, 1974
3:30 p.m. (20 minutes)
Cabinet Room

From: Ken Cole 

I. PURPOSE

This meeting was requested by Congressman Al Quie on behalf of his constituent Mrs. Jane Belau (Bay-low). It is to give you an opportunity to hear the needs of the handicapped directly from a representative group from across the country selected by Quie.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

Congressman Quie will open the session and introduce Mrs. Jane Belau to you. Mrs. Belau, while not handicapped, has been heavily involved in working with the handicapped and she is the one who suggested and put this meeting together. Five members of the group will be introduced by Mrs. Belau and give brief presentations as to what they see to be their greatest needs. Following the final presentation you may wish to make some remarks.

B. Participants:

Congressman Al Quie
Secretary Weinberger
Secretary Brennan
Jayne Baker Spain (as Vice Chairman of the President's
Committee on Employment of the Handicapped)
Seventeen handicapped people and individuals involved
with the handicapped (list at Tab A).

Staff: Ken Cole
Vern Loen
Pam Needham

C. Press Plan:

To be announced: Photo Opportunity

III. TALKING POINTS

- . Thank you Al and thank you Mrs. Belau. I greatly appreciate what you have done to put this meeting together.
- . The opportunity to meet with you people from all over the country has been most helpful to me and I'm only sorry we can't have more time. However, I understand you've prepared statements you will leave with my staff. I promise we will study them carefully and reply as soon as possible.
- . You can leave this meeting assured that not only is the Ford Administration aware of the needs of the handicapped, but that we will do all we can to meet those needs.

PARTICIPANTS

Gordan Allen	Association for the Deaf (National and International)
Lorraine Beebe	Chairman, President's Committee on Mental Retardation
Jane Belau	President, National Conference on Developmental Disabilities
Dr. Elizabeth Boggs	Chairman, National Advisory Council on Developmental Disabilities
Dr. Betty Catoe	Pediatrician
Eunice Fiorito	Director, New York Mayor's Office on the Handicapped -- Member, National Coalition of Persons Who are Disabled
Dr. Jack Gruenfelder	Chairman, Governmental Affairs, National Association for Retarded Citizens
Jewell Hamilton	National Council Liaison with State Councils
Judd Jacobson	National Paraplegia Foundation
Larry Maus	Commission for the Handicapped
Dale Polton	President, Handi-Action
Mel Ptacek	Presenter, Minnesota Governors Conference
Max Rheinberger	President, President's Committee on the Physically Handicapped -- HEW Advisory Committee on the Handicapped -- President's Committee on Employment of Handicapped Persons
Sister Janice Ryan	Educator
Robert Sampson	President's Committee on the Handicapped
Dr. James Watson	National Epilepsy Foundation
Rolf Williams	Cerebral Palsy

ATTENDANTS
for Several of the Handicapped

June Allen

Interpreter

Barbara Jacobson

Clifford Miller

Executive Director, Minnesota Commission
on Handicapped Persons

Marianne Rheinberger

Jean Sampson

Gary Richmond

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